

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



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"Truth is stranger than fiction," as the old saying goes. When I watch a documentary, I can't help crying and then I think to myself, "Fiction can't compete with this." But when I mentioned this to a veteran manga artist friend of mine he said that "fiction brings salvation to characters in stories that would otherwise have no salvation at all." His words strengthened the conviction of my manga spirit.

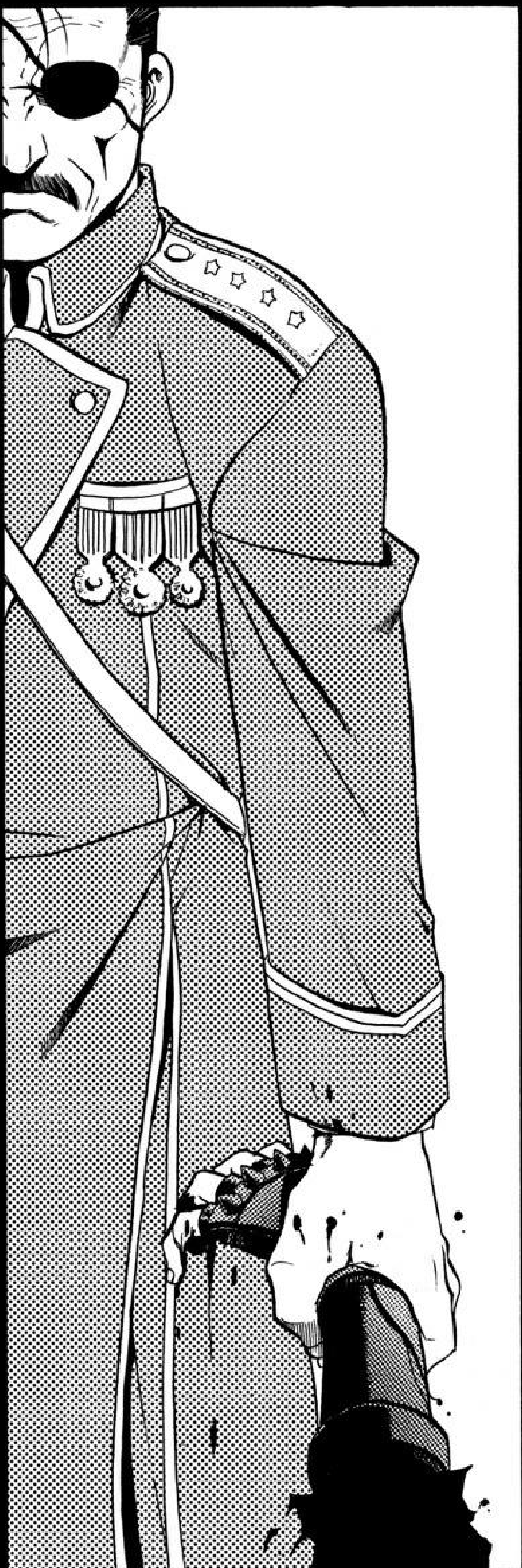
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2005



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



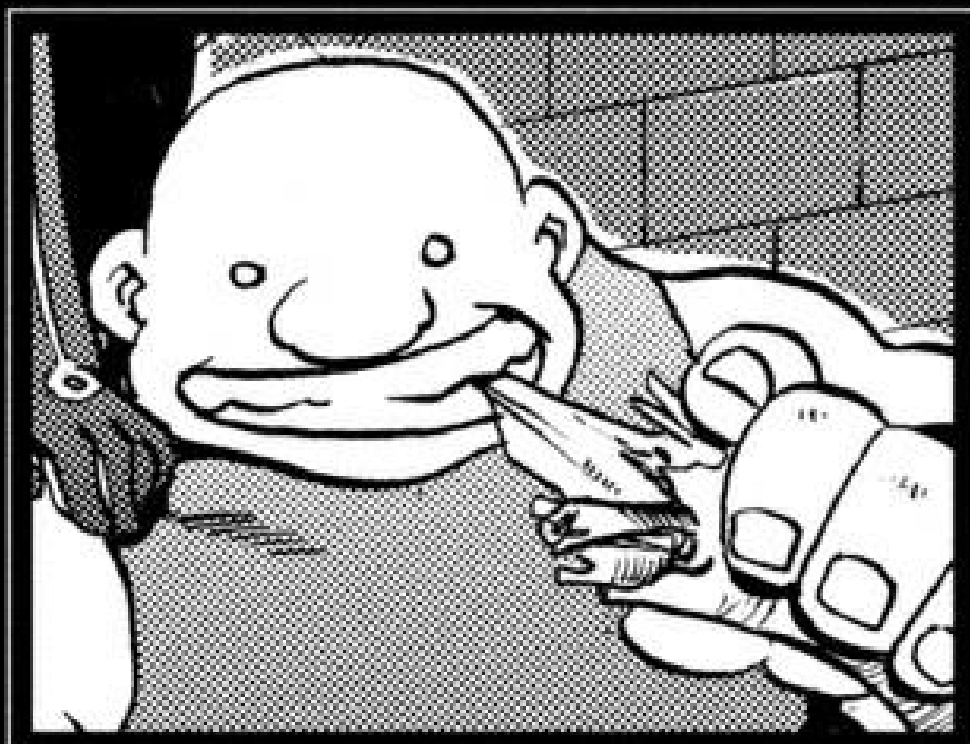
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ グラトニー

Gluttony



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



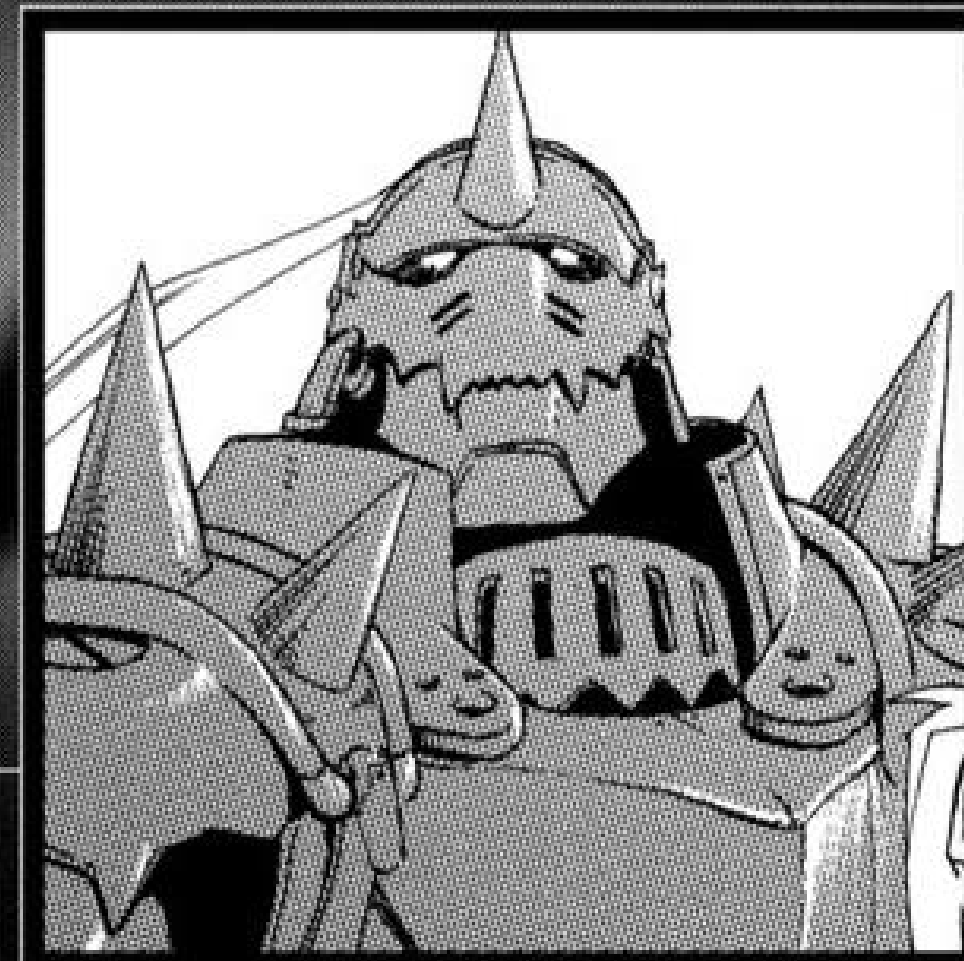
□ リン・ヤオ

Lin Yao



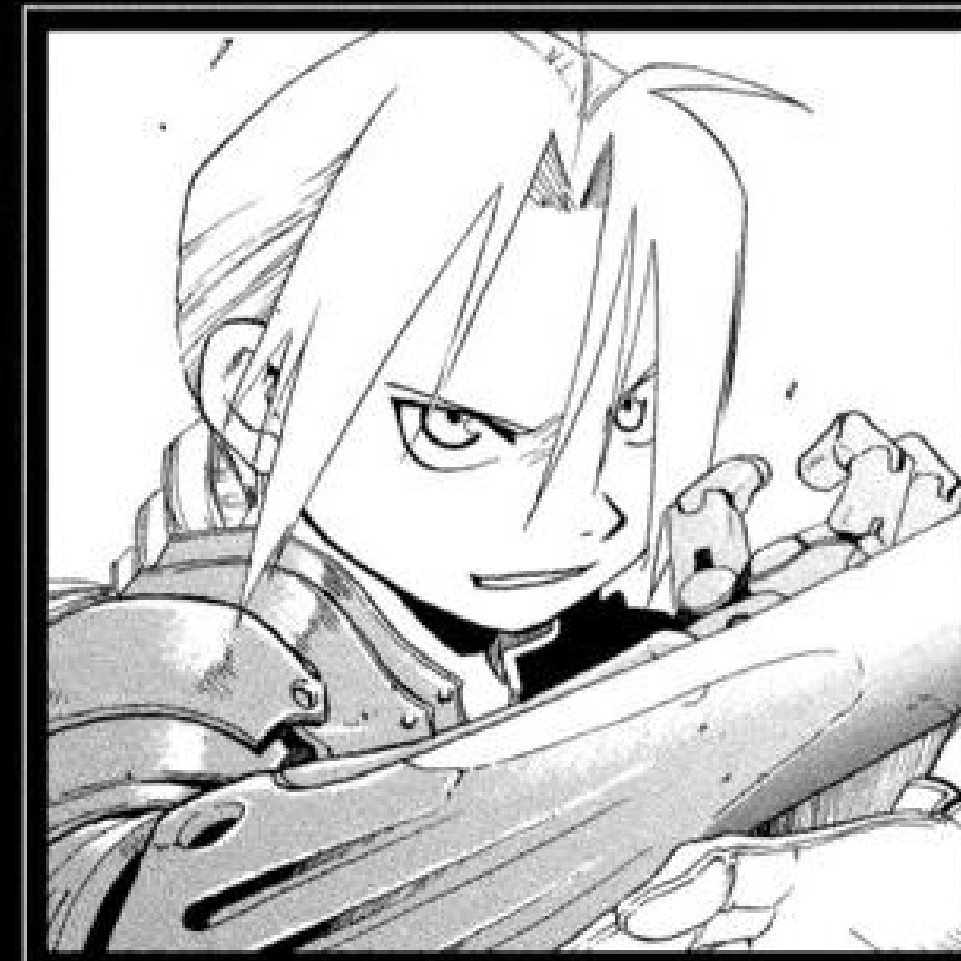
□ メイ・チャン

May Chang



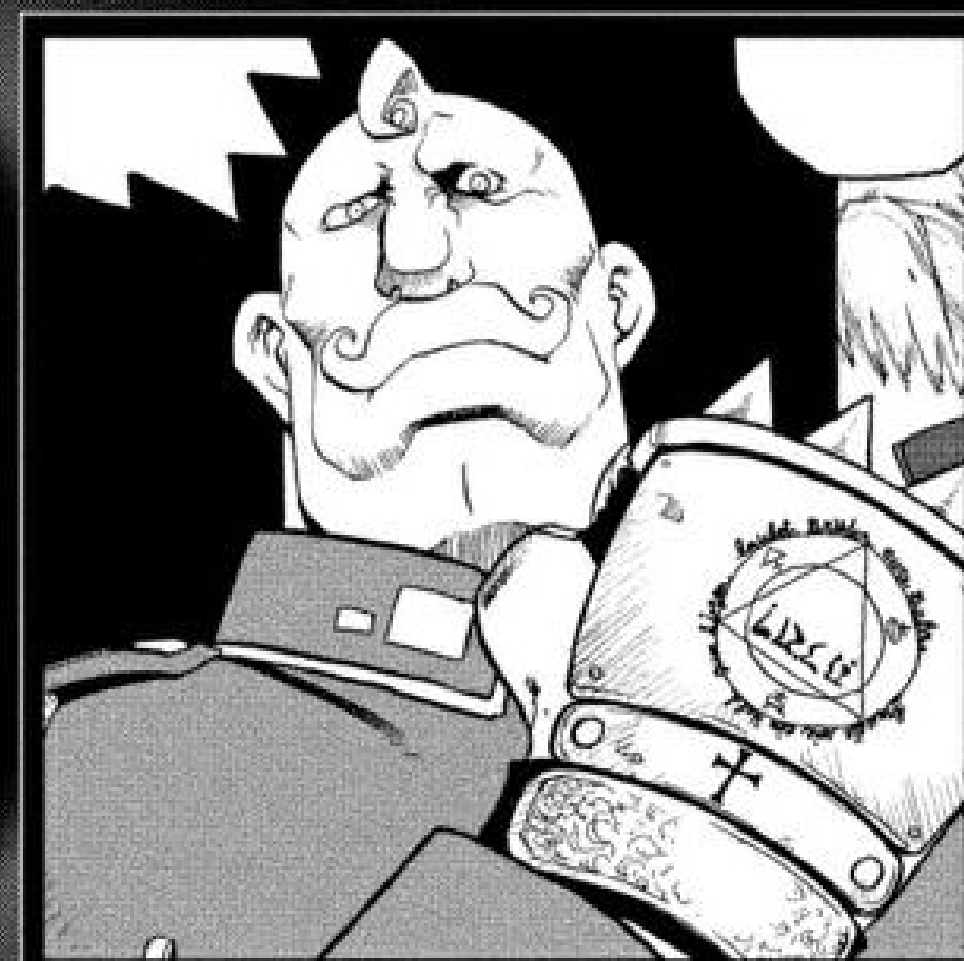
□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

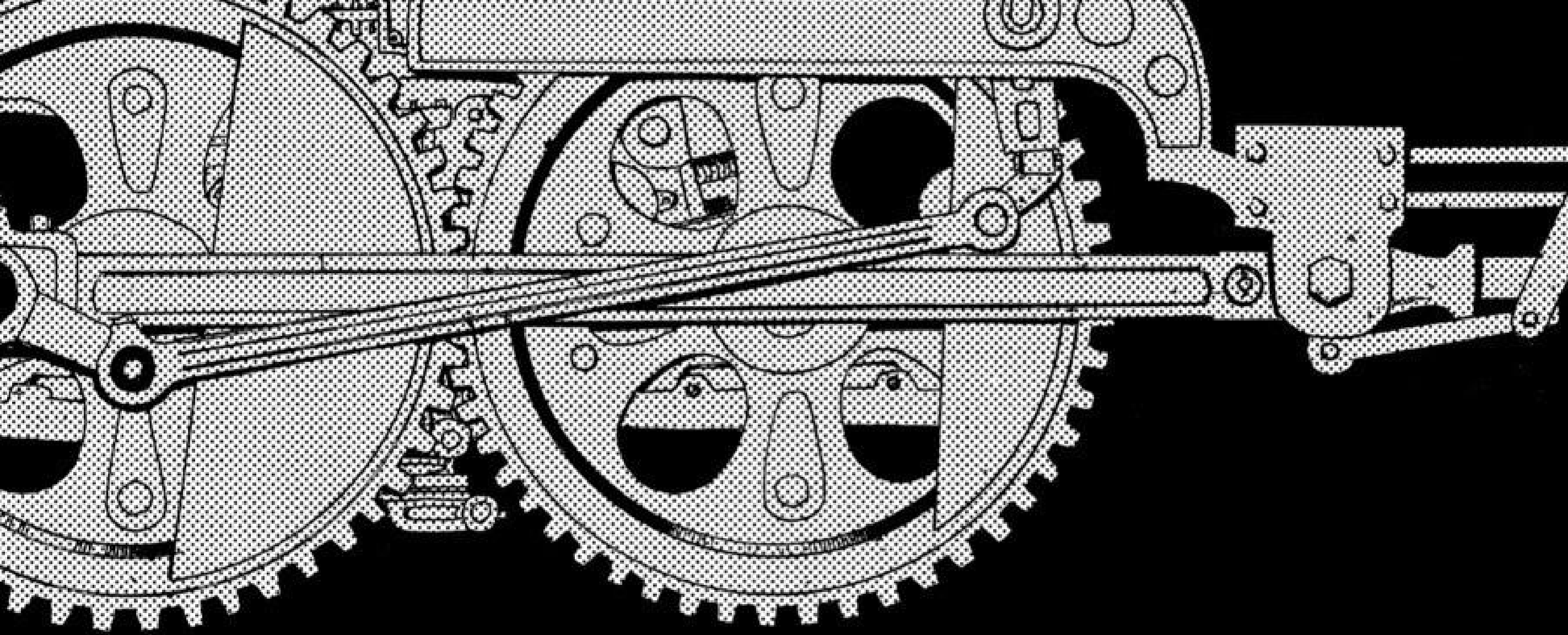
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

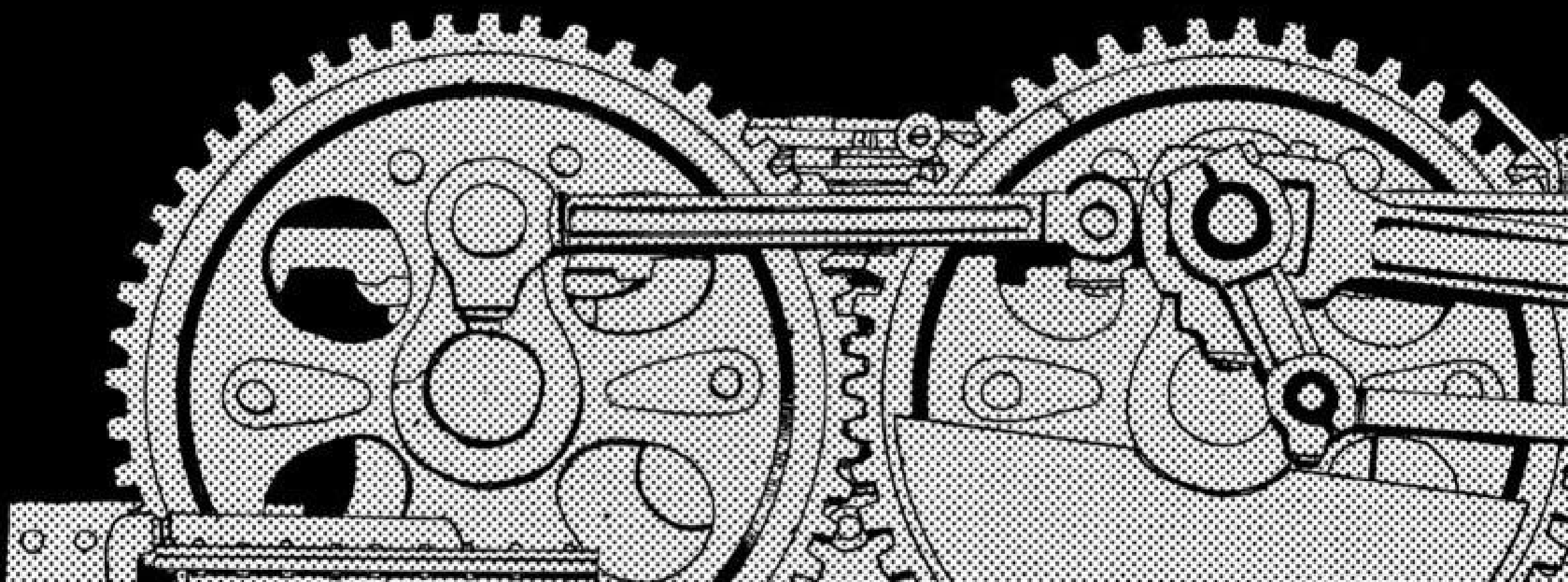
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric Brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of the Philosopher's Stone, the legendary substance with the power to restore what they have lost...

Scar, the murderous Ishbalan avenger, is on the hunt for State Alchemists, and Ed and Al have put themselves right in his path in order to lure the Homunculi out of hiding. The Elric Brothers, and their allies Colonel Mustang and Prince Lin, all need the homunculi in order to advance their personal causes, but with this bold trap, have they bit off more than they can chew?



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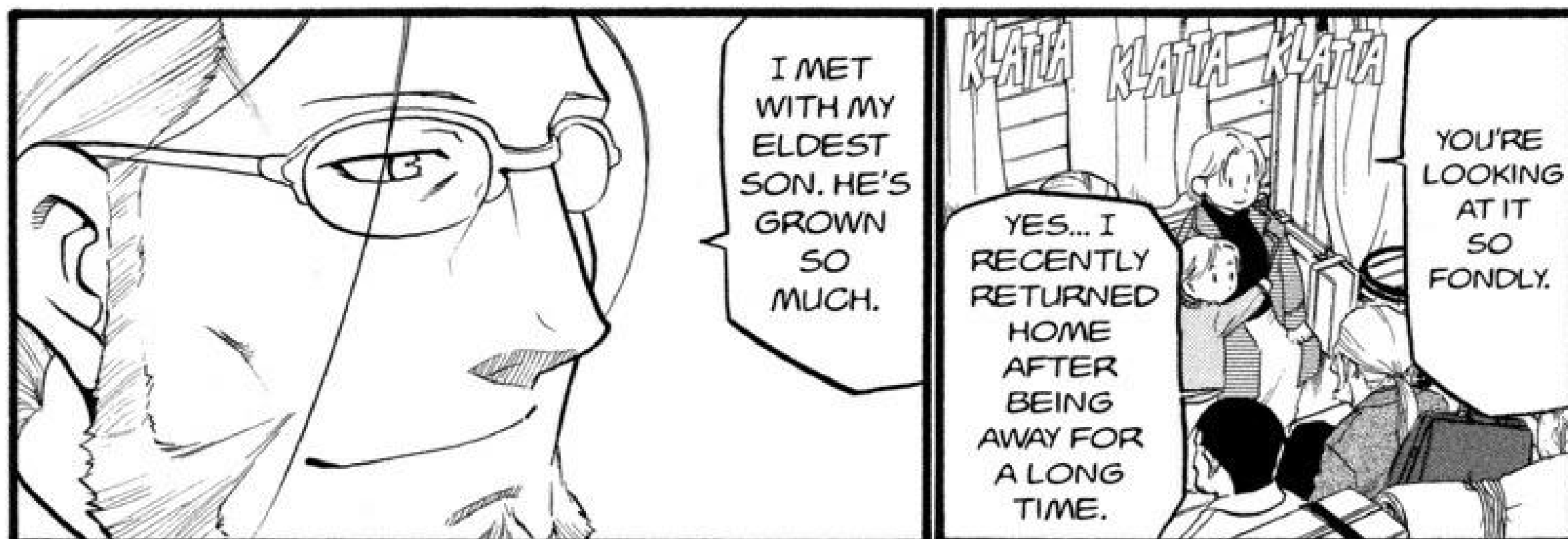
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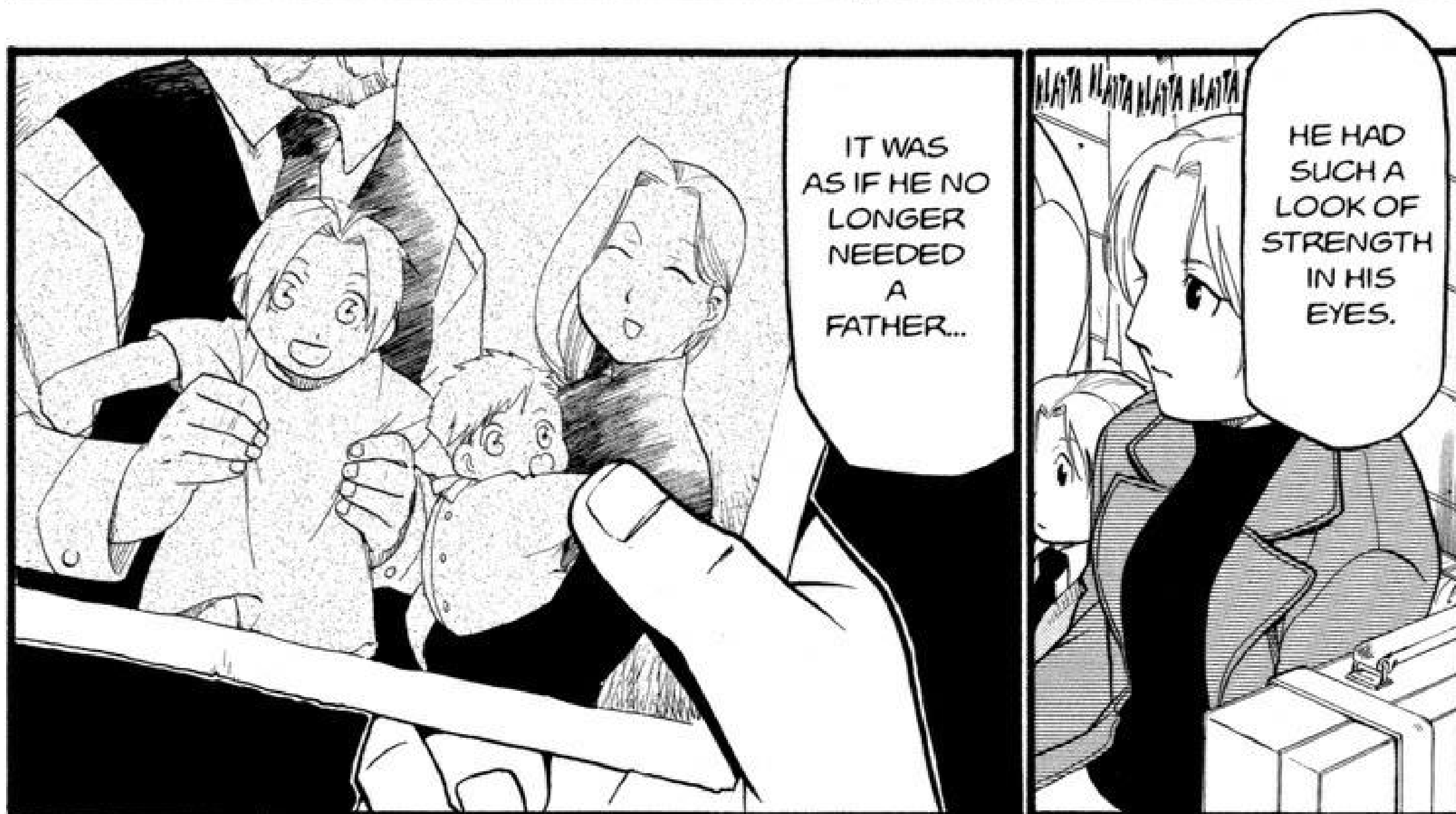
IS THAT A PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY ?



I MET WITH MY ELDEST SON. HE'S GROWN SO MUCH.

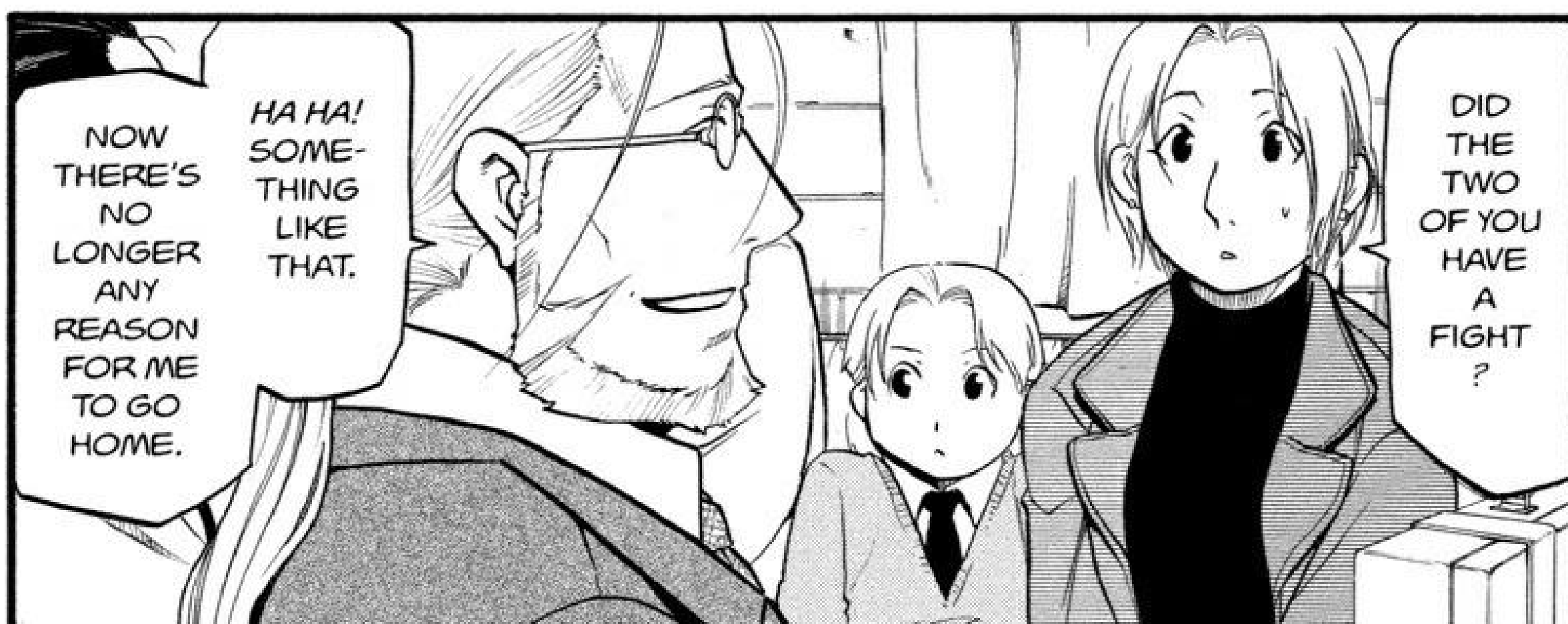
YES... I RECENTLY RETURNED HOME AFTER BEING AWAY FOR A LONG TIME.

YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT SO FONDLY.



IT WAS AS IF HE NO LONGER NEEDED A FATHER...

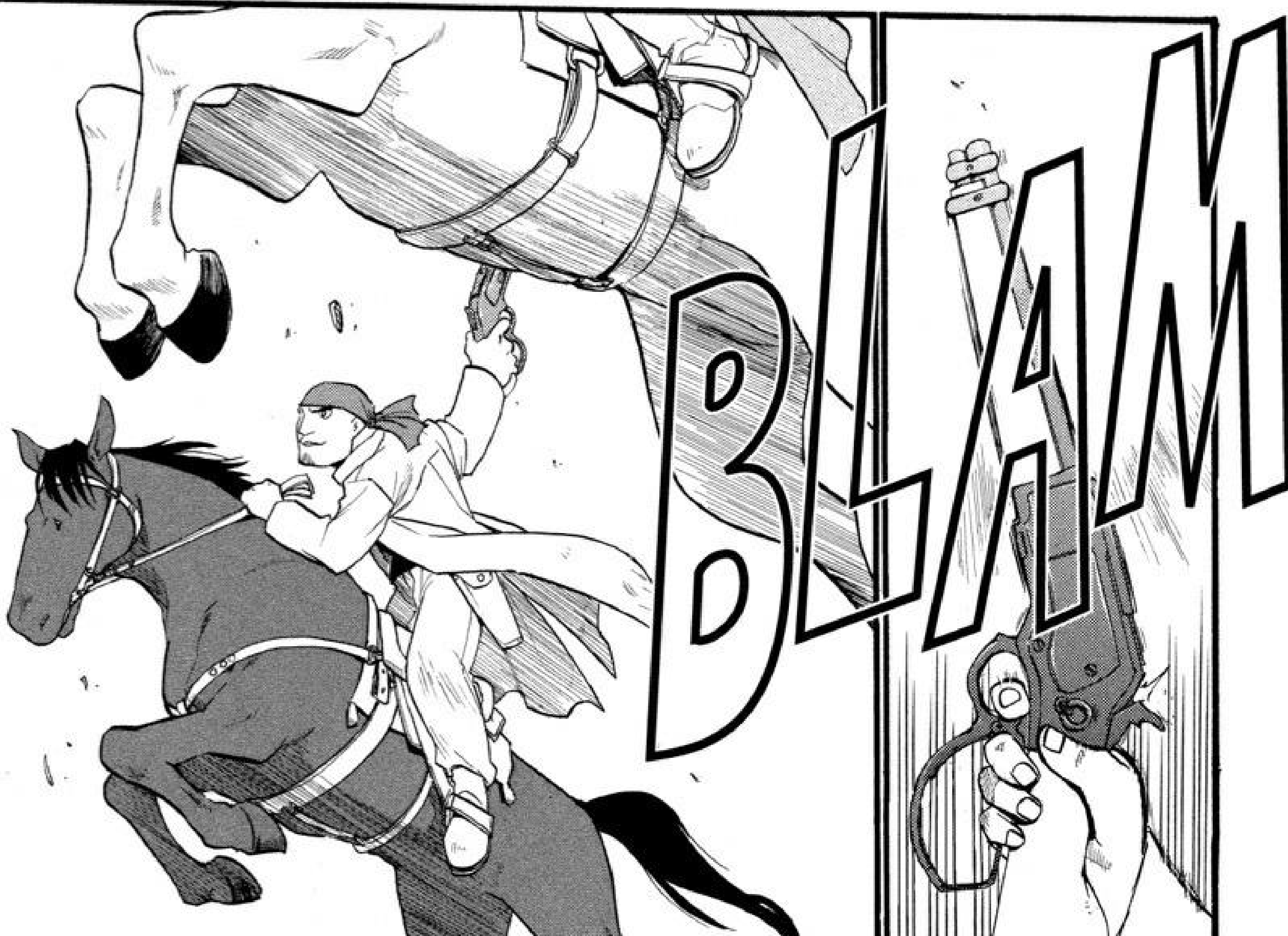
HE HAD SUCH A LOOK OF STRENGTH IN HIS EYES.



NOW THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON FOR ME TO GO HOME.

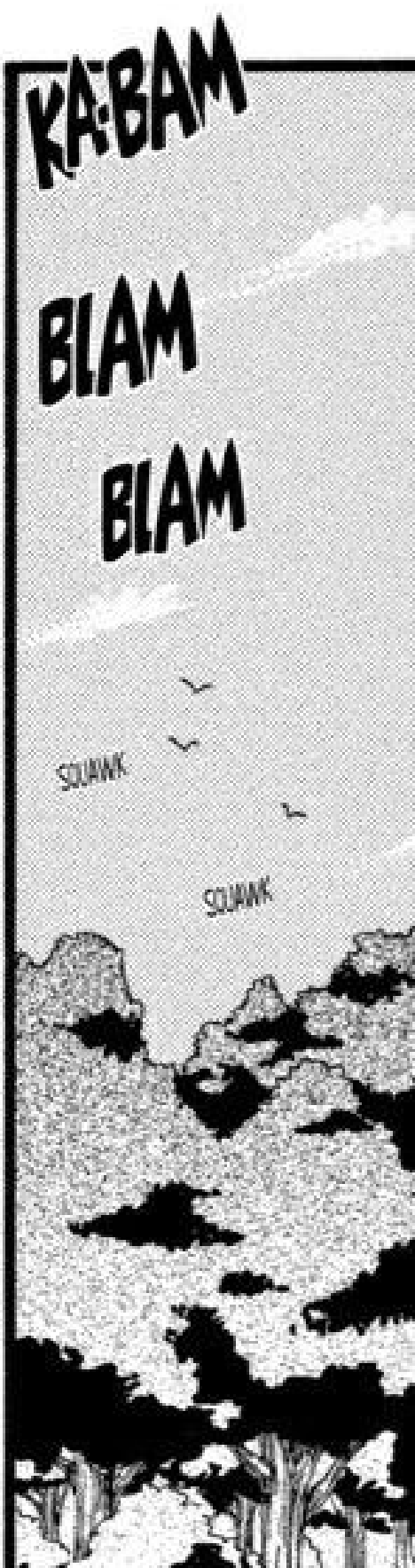
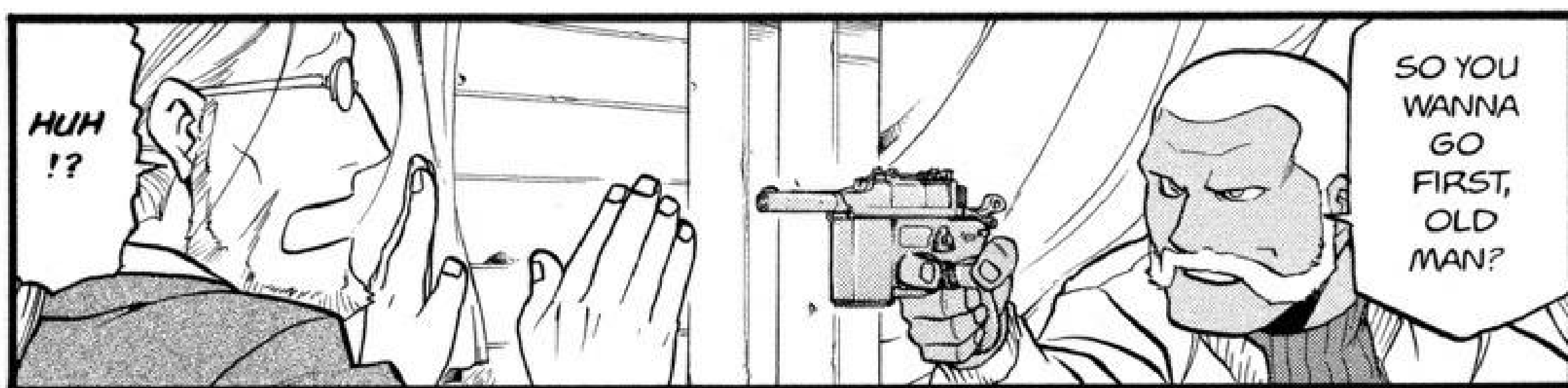
HA HA! SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

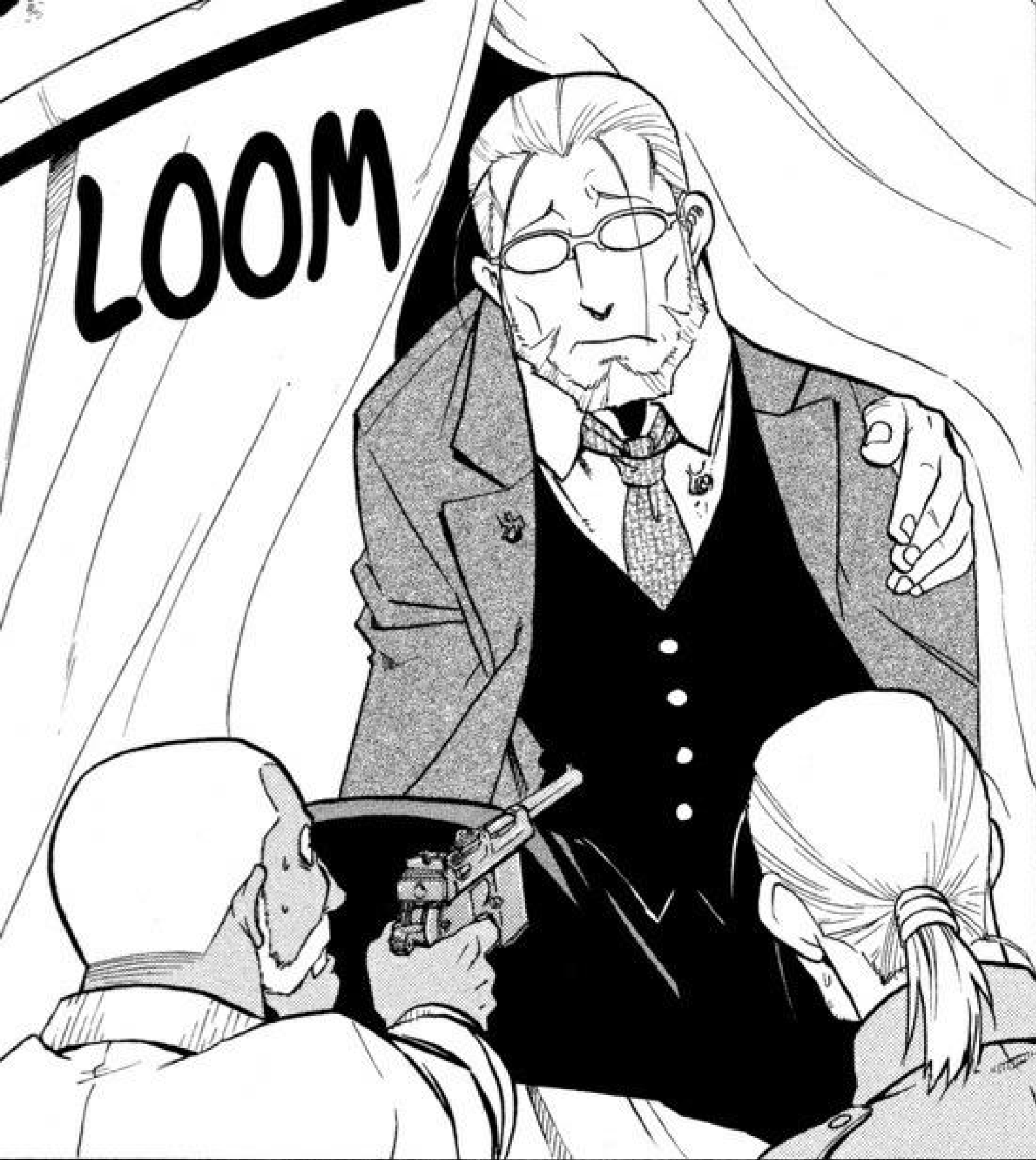
DID THE TWO OF YOU HAVE A FIGHT ?











REALLY NOW.

THAT WAS UN-CALLED FOR.



CAN'T YOU JUST LET US GO?



I'LL BLOW HIS HEAD OFF !!

BLAM



WHO IS THIS GUY!!? DOES HE HAVE A METAL PLATE OVER HIS CHEST !?

UWAH!!



HM ?



WERE ANY PASSENGERS KILLED ?

WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS...



WHAT HAPPENED!? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?



THE BANDITS RAN AWAY WITHOUT EVEN TAKING THE BAGGAGE.

NO, NONE...

RAN AWAY ?



IT WAS AS IF...

YES.

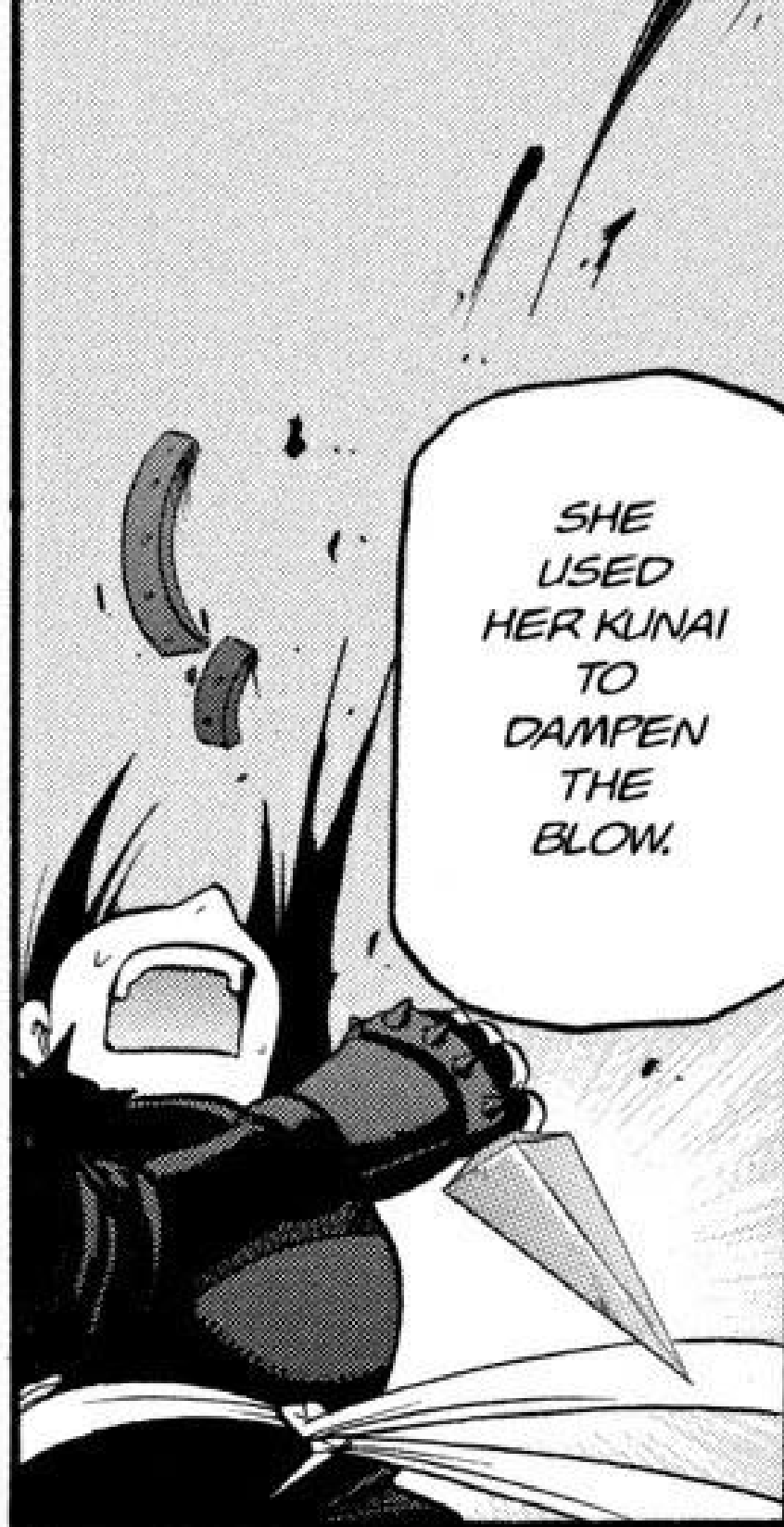




I'M
A
MONSTER.

Chapter 46
The Distant
Image of Their Backs





SLICE

!A
A
A
Y?

LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE!

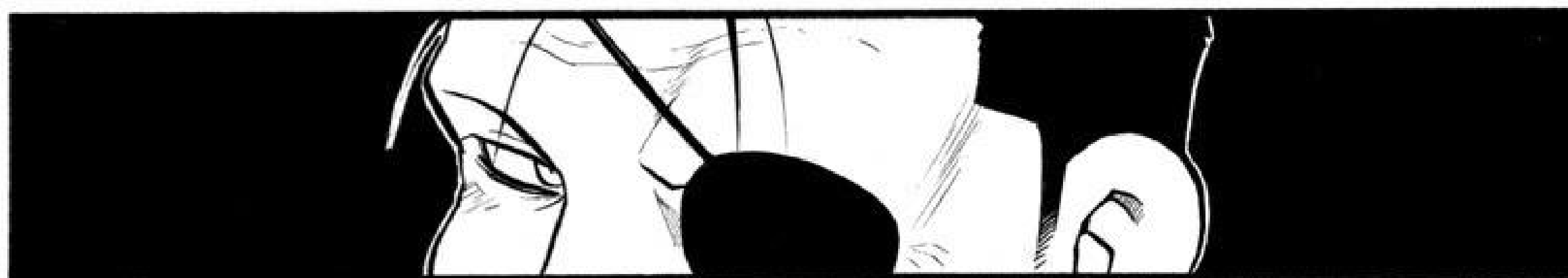
PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER!!

LANFAN!!

FWUMP

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU CAN
ESCAPE
FROM MY
WATCHFUL
EYE?

SLASH





YOU'RE
CONSTANTLY
MOVING
INTO MY
BLIND
SPOT...



HMM...
I SEE YOU
KNOW A
THING
OR TWO
ABOUT
COMBAT.



...CIRCLING
AROUND
TOWARDS
MY LEFT
EYE.

IN
THAT
CASE...



PEEK-
A-
BOO!

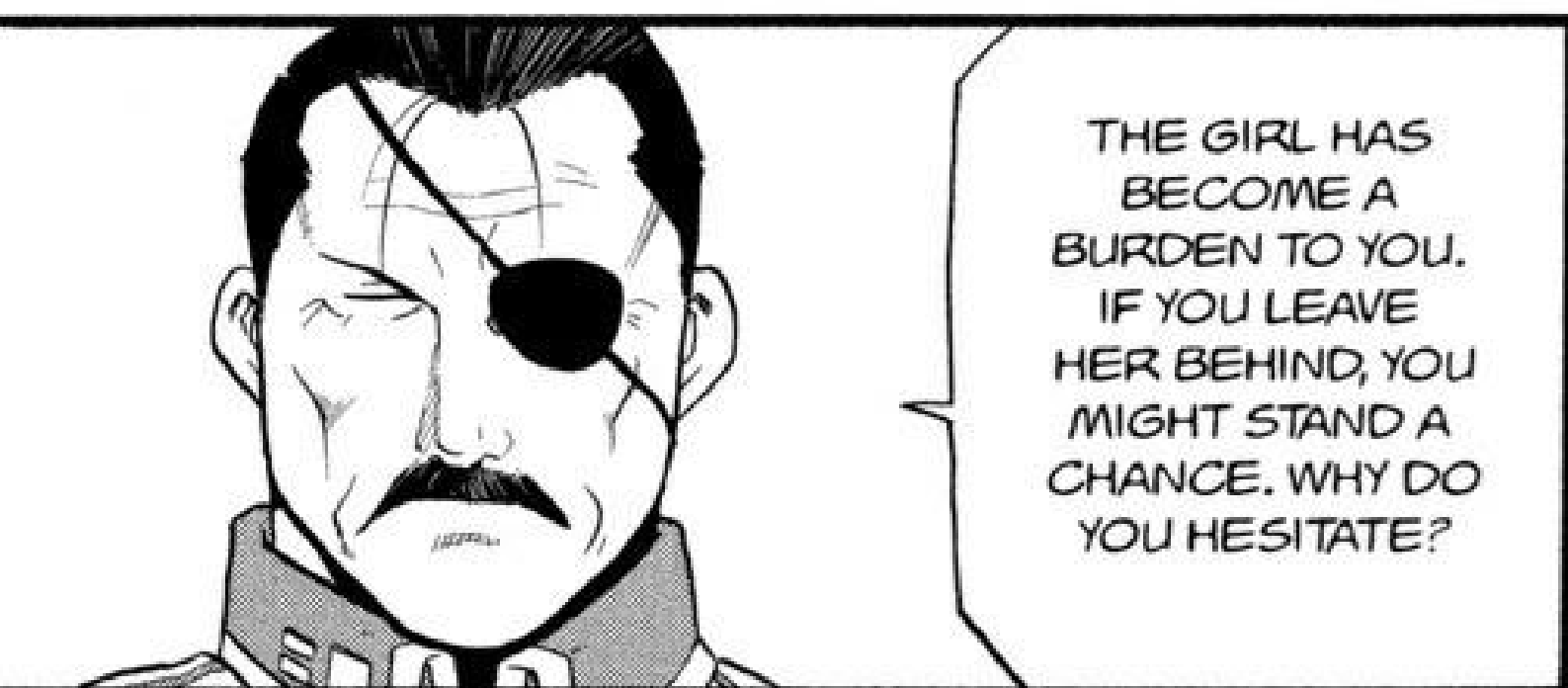


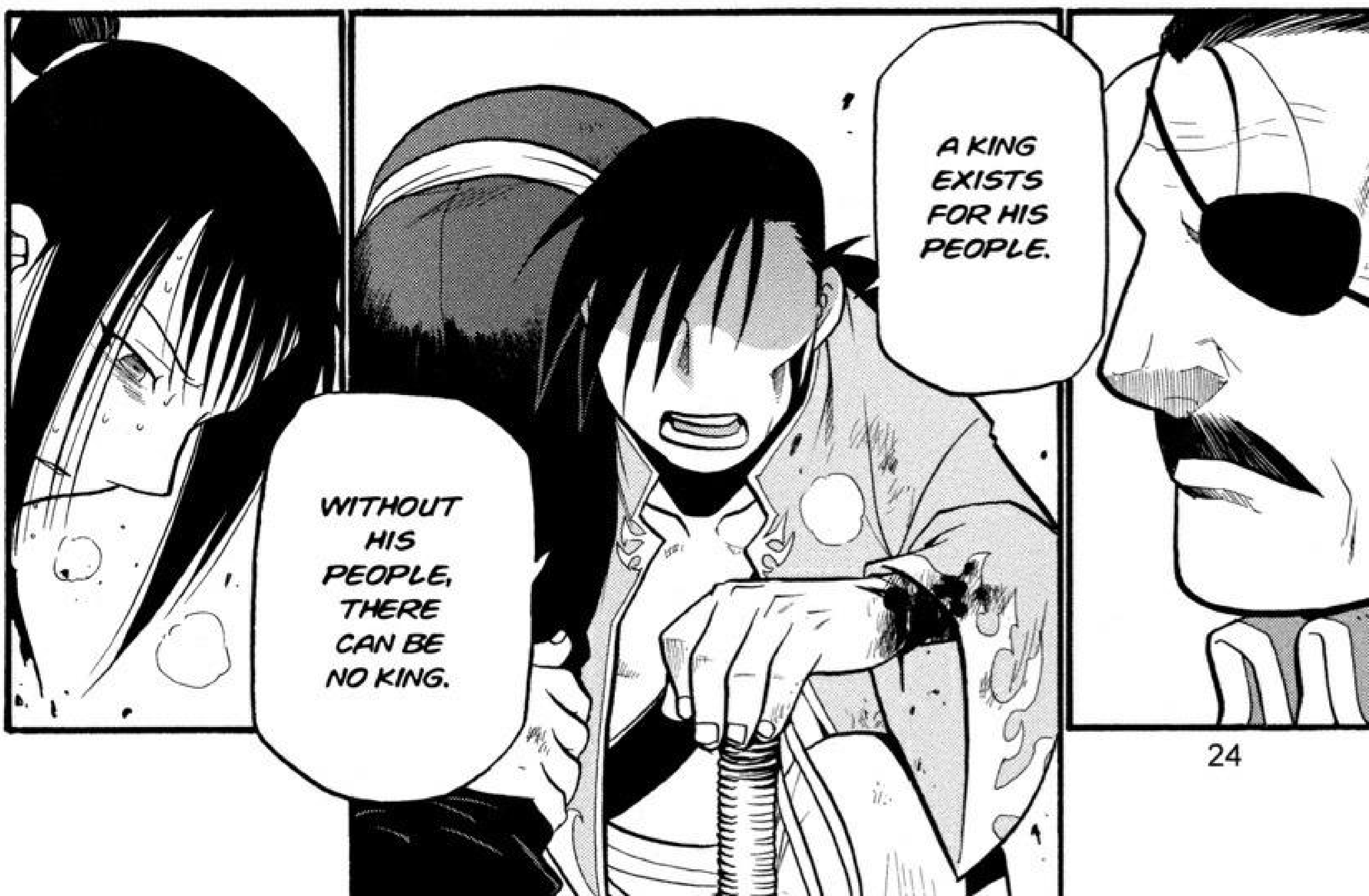
GLUT-
TONY
!

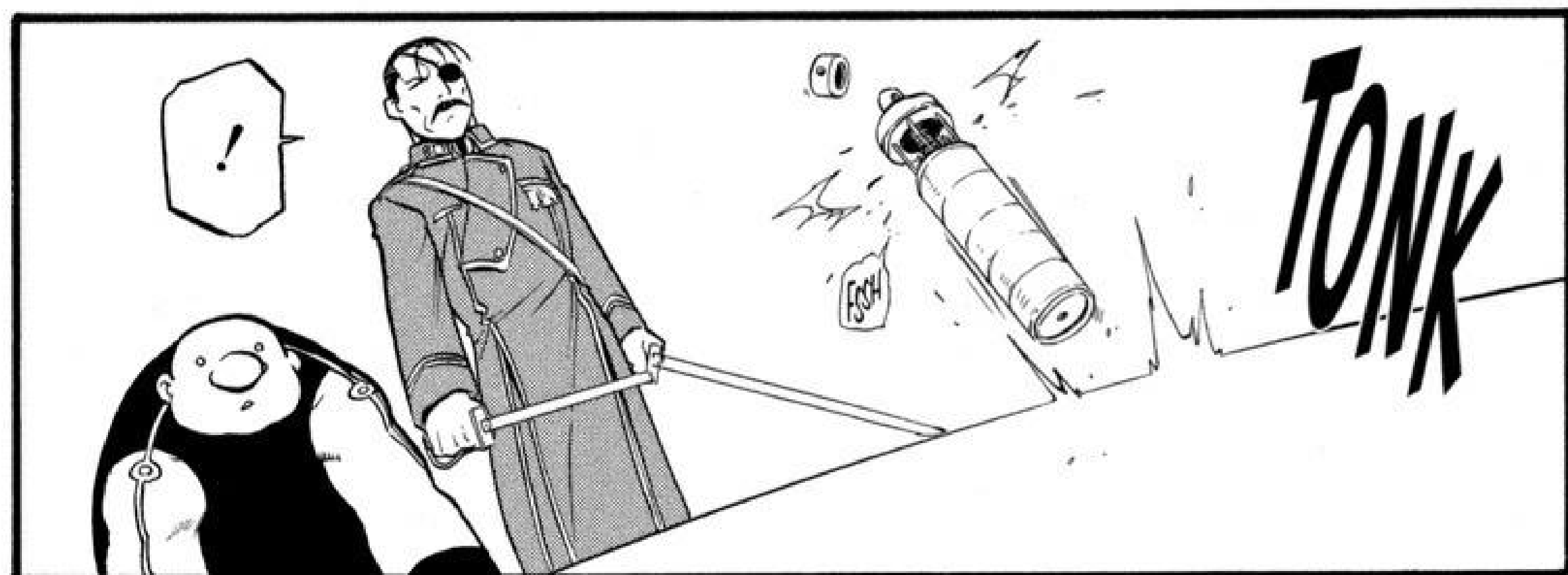
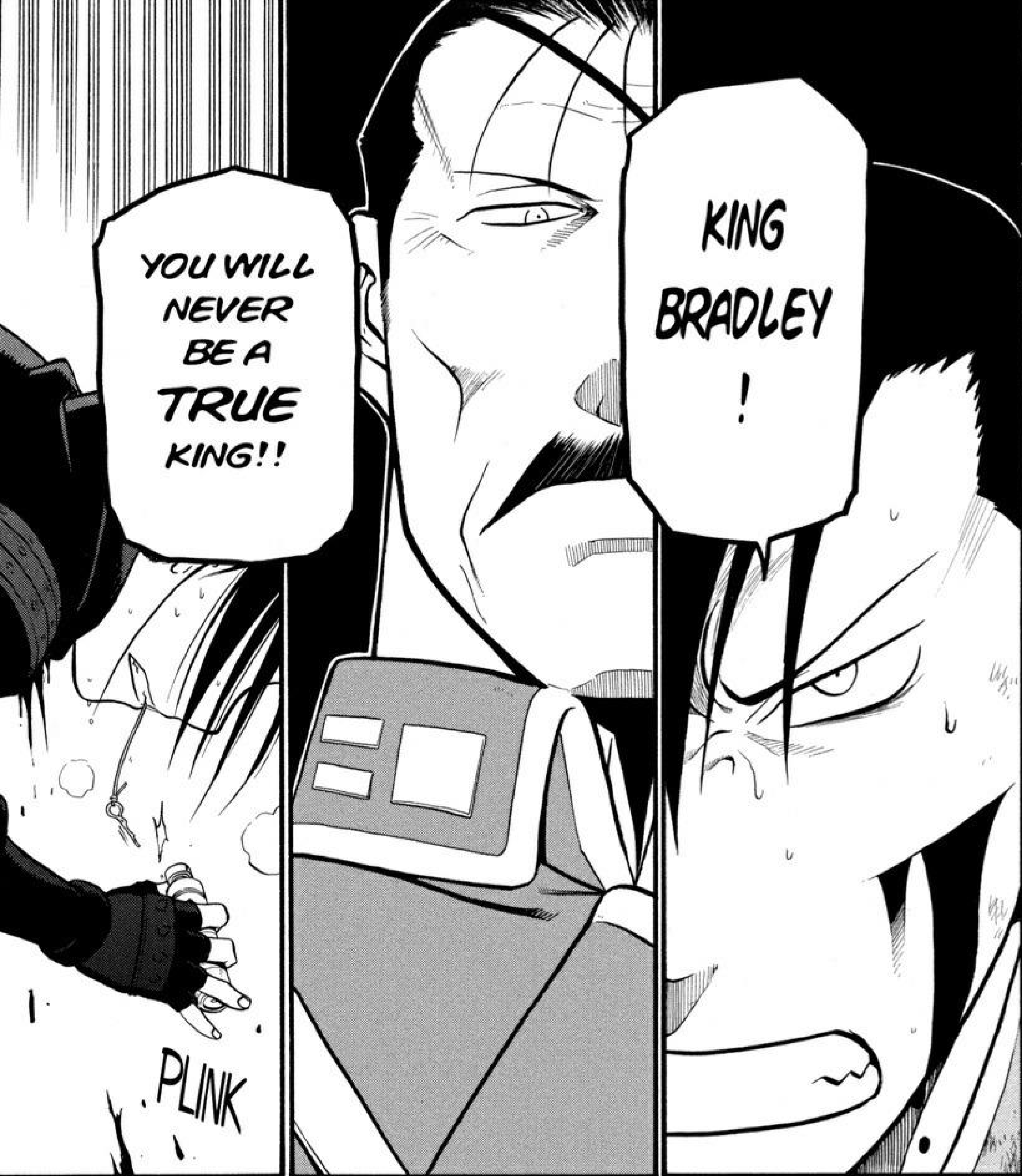


CK











A
FLASH
BOMB
!!?

CURS-
ES
!!

WASH



YOU RELY
TOO MUCH
ON YOUR
EYESIGHT,
BRADLEY
!!

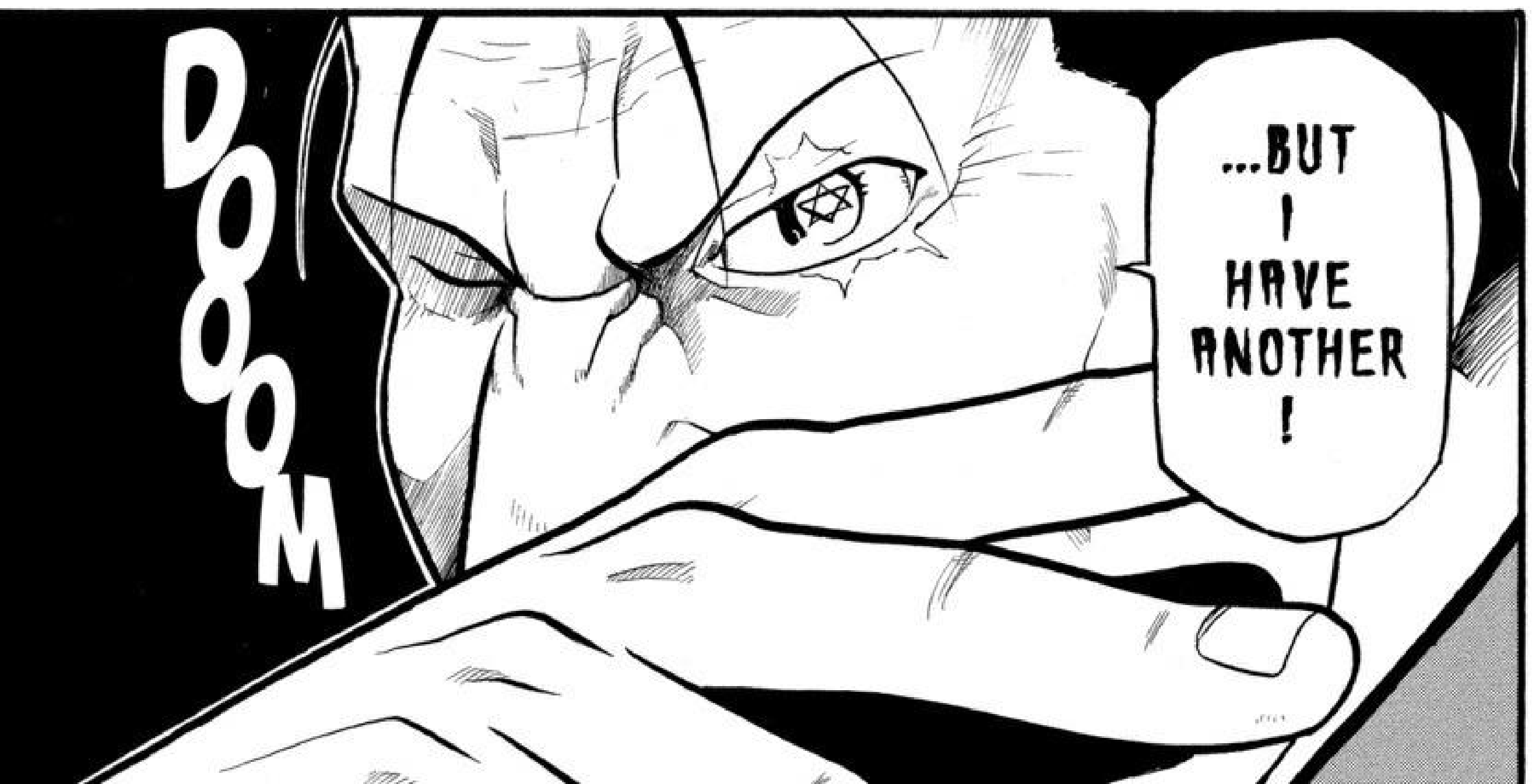
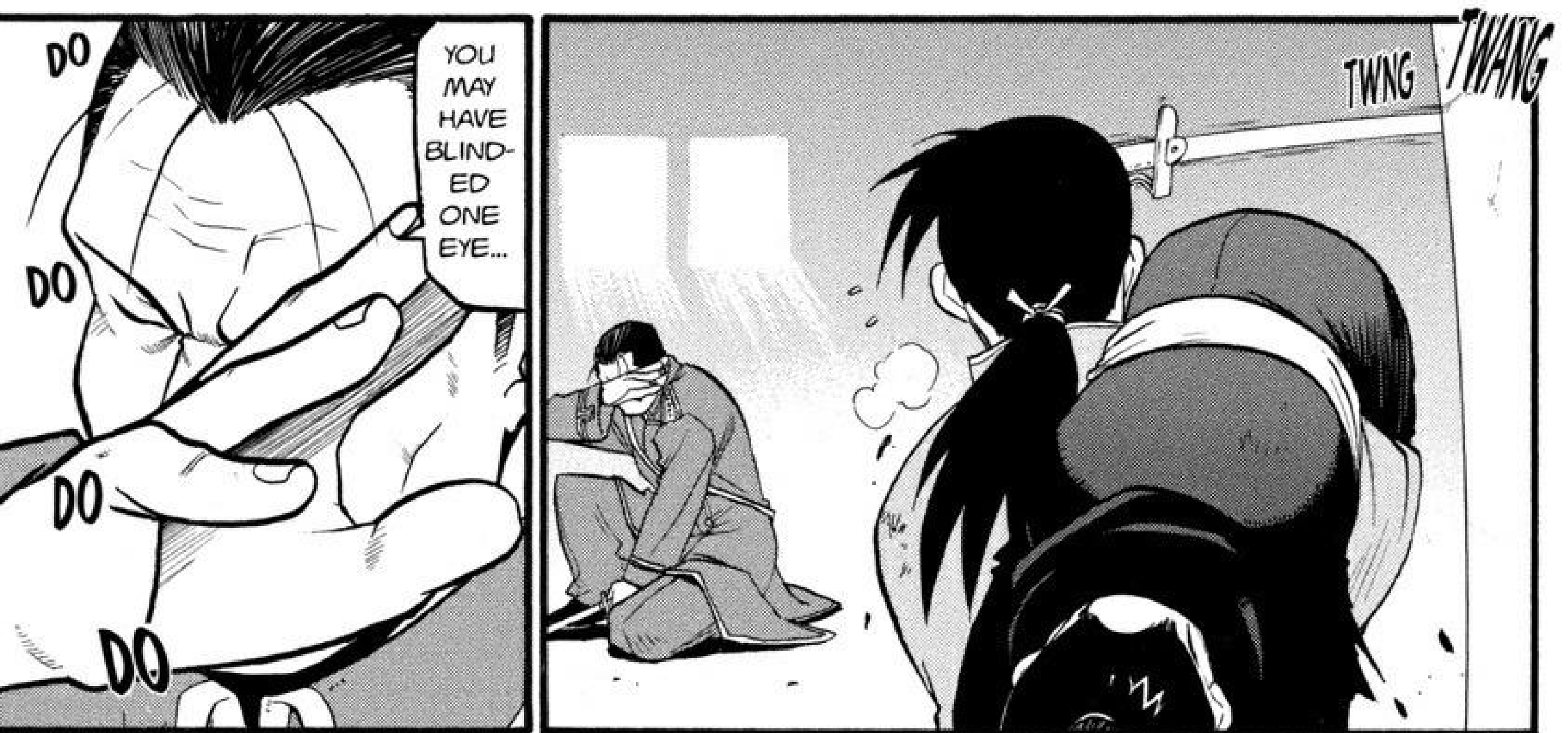
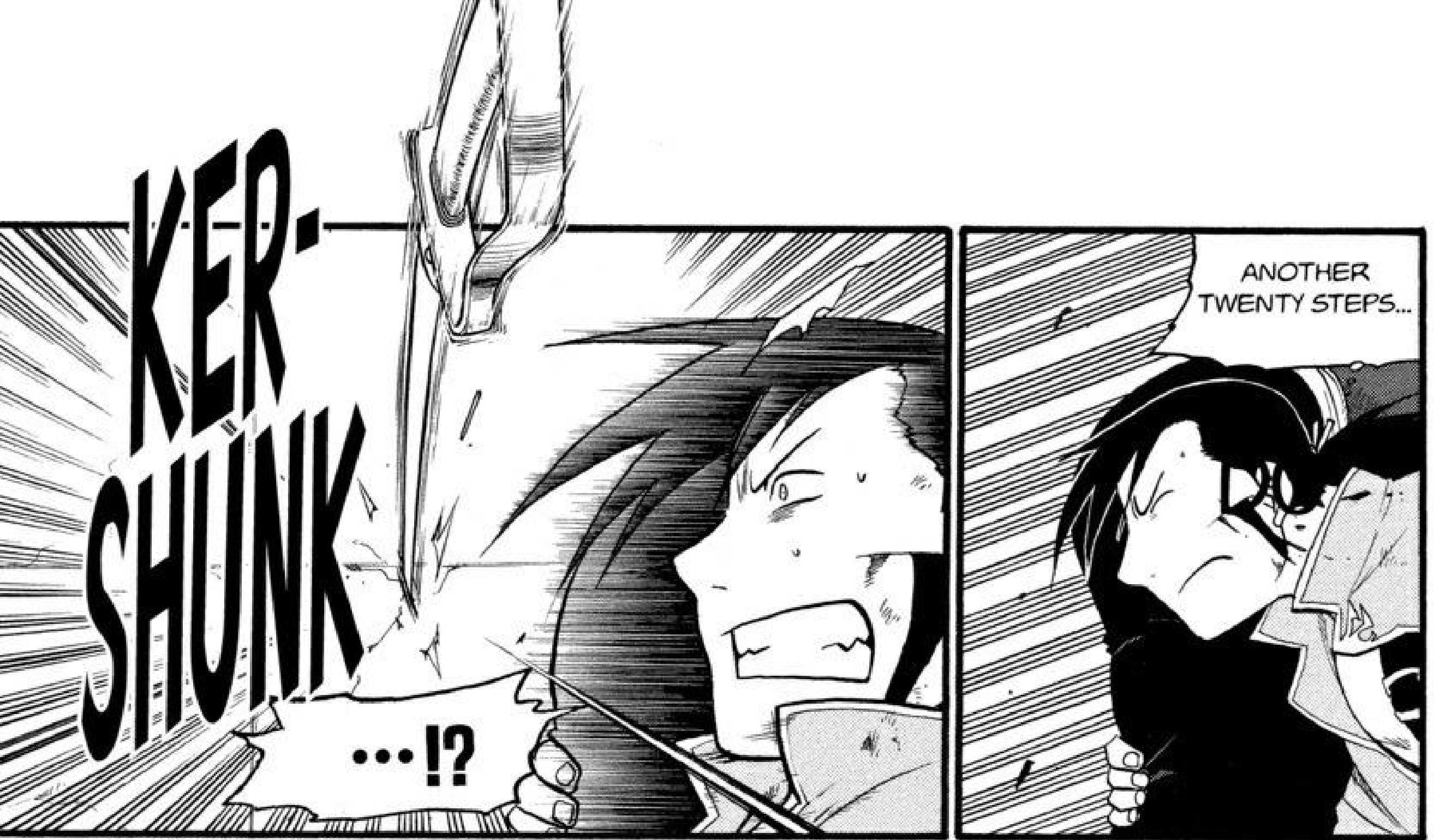


HIS VISION WON'T
RETURN FOR AWHILE.

THE WIND
IS BLOWING...

GOOD! THE EXIT IS
IN THAT DIRECTION!!







**NOWHERE
ON THIS
EARTH
DOES
A TRUE
KING
EXIST!!**



WHERE
ARE
YOU,
WRATH?
MY
EYES!
!... I
CAN'T
SEE!

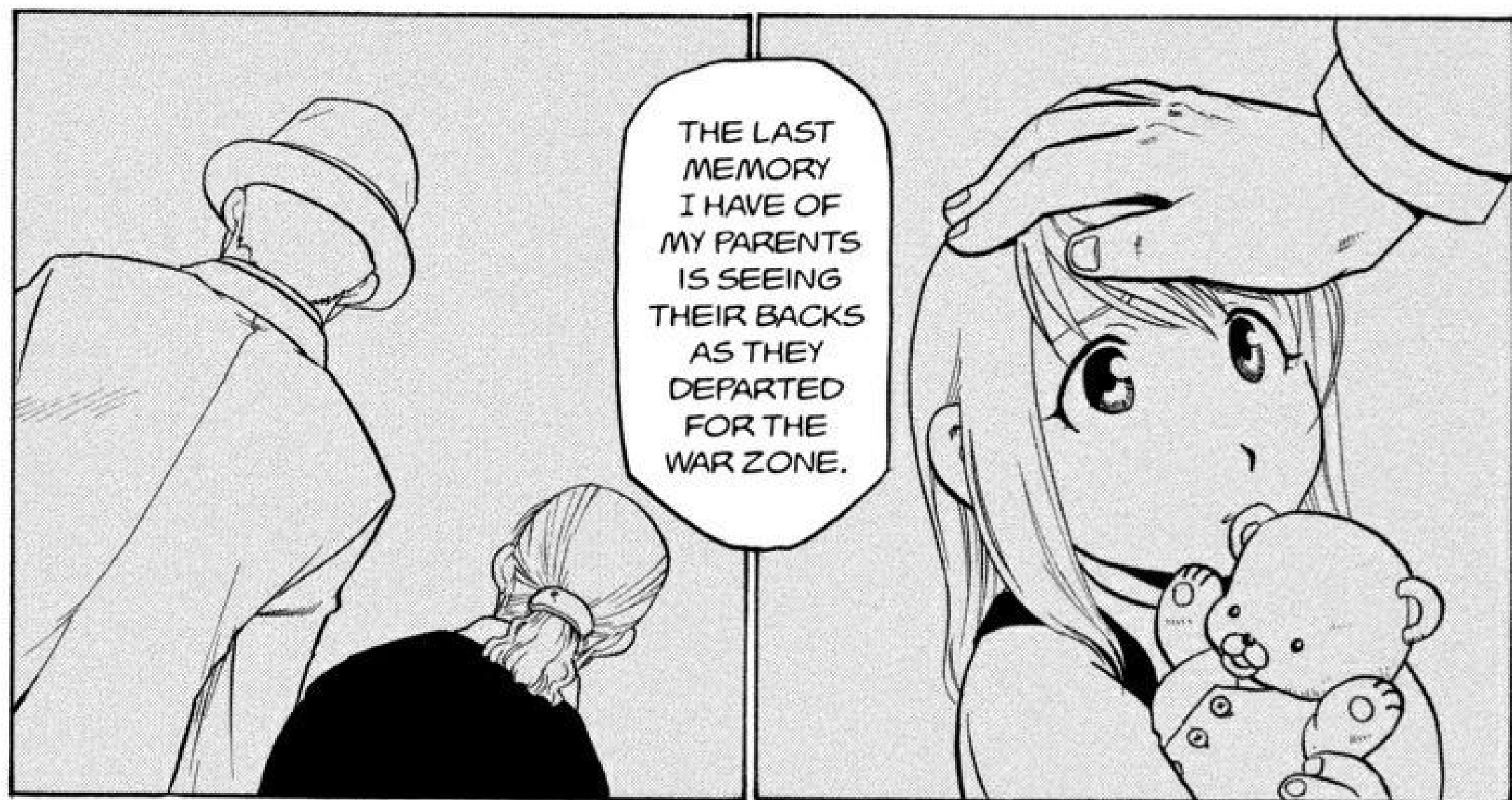
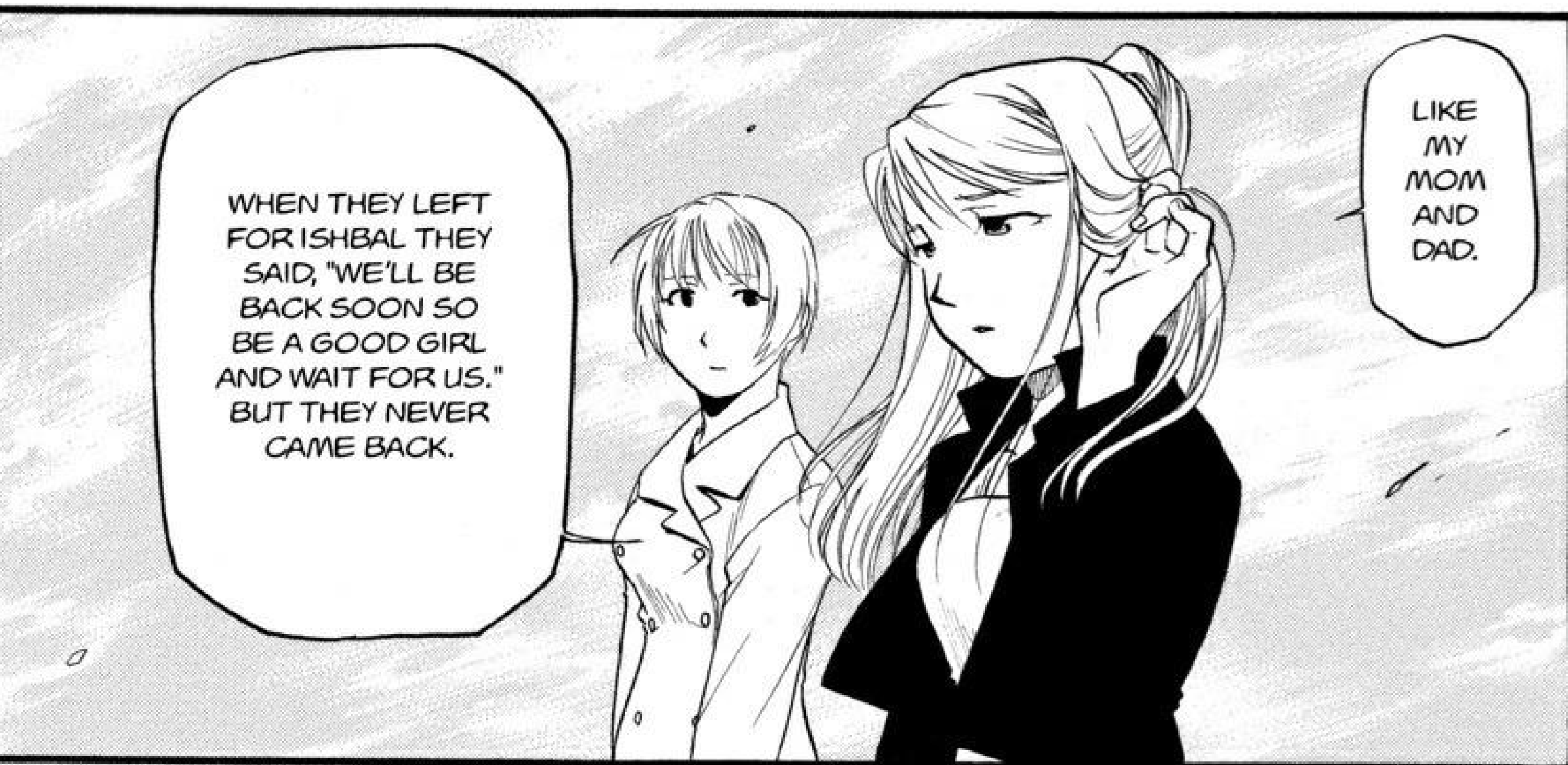
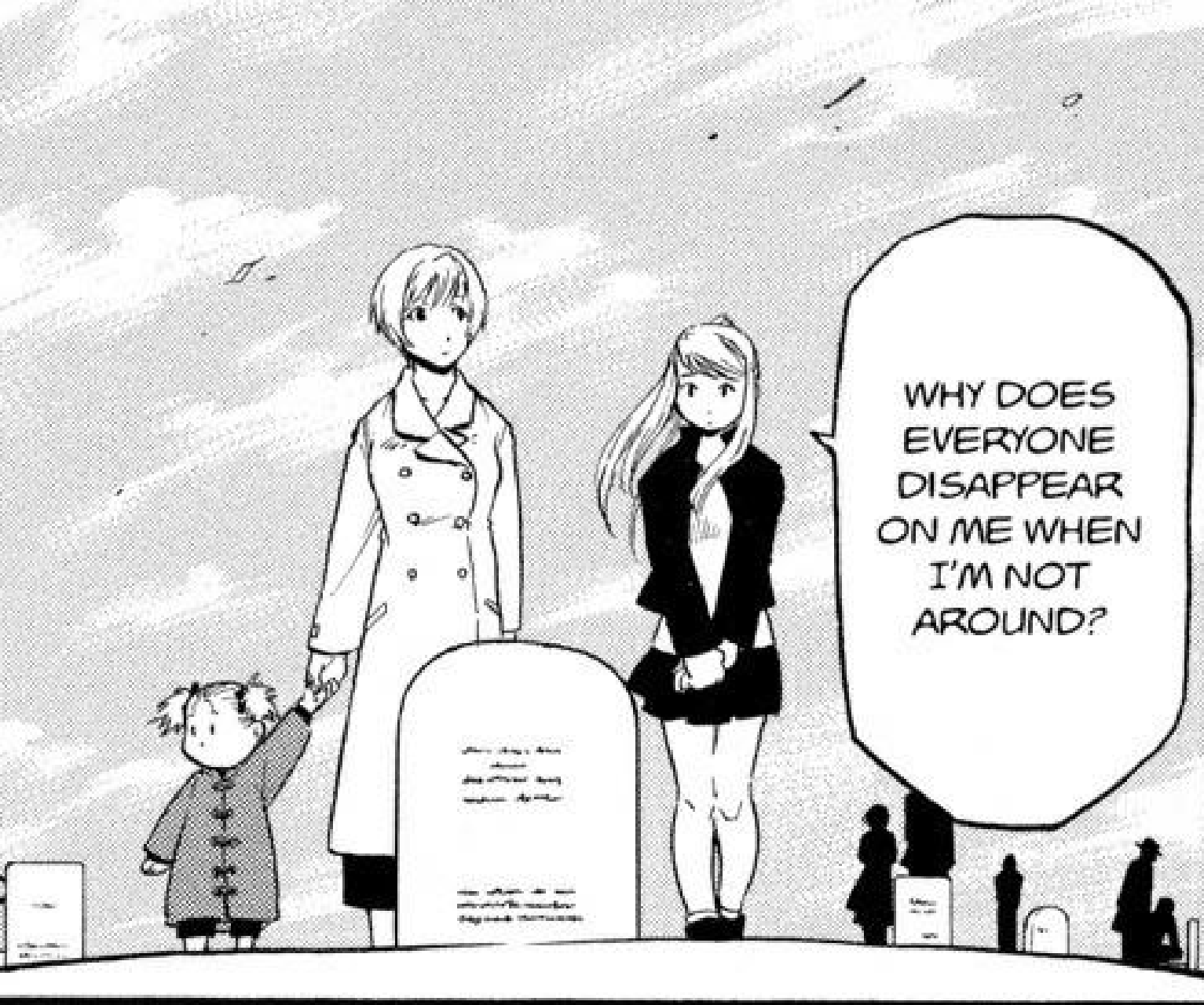
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME IN
MY LIFE,
I AM
THANKFUL
FOR THIS
EYE
PATCH.

IT
BLOCKED
OUT THE
LIGHT
FROM
YOUR
FLASH
BOMB
QUITE
WELL.

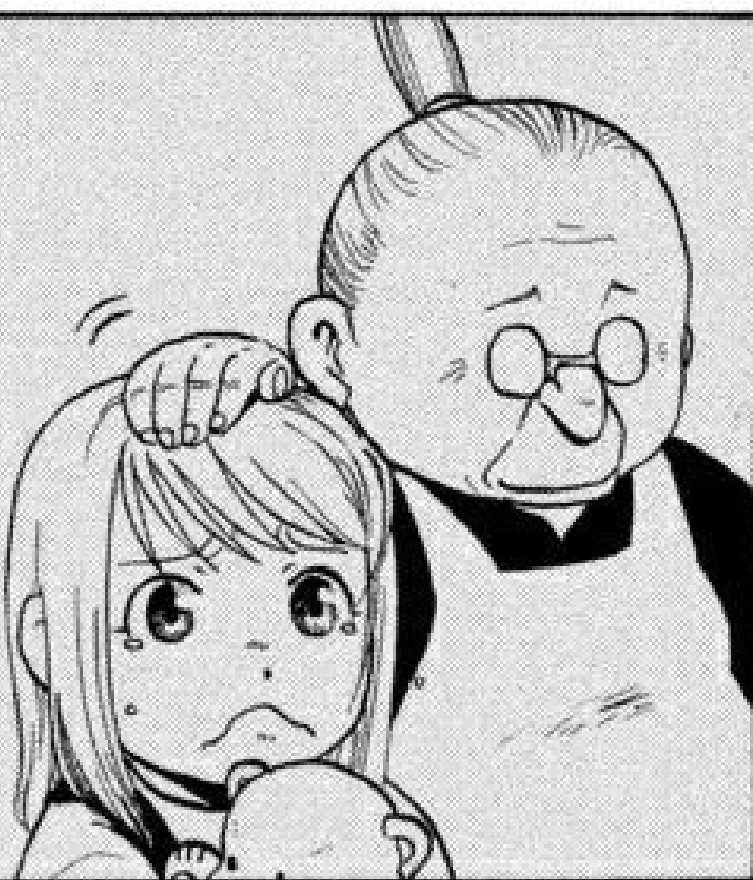


YOU
MENTIONED
SOMETHING
ABOUT A
"TRUE KING,"
DID YOU
NOT, BOY?

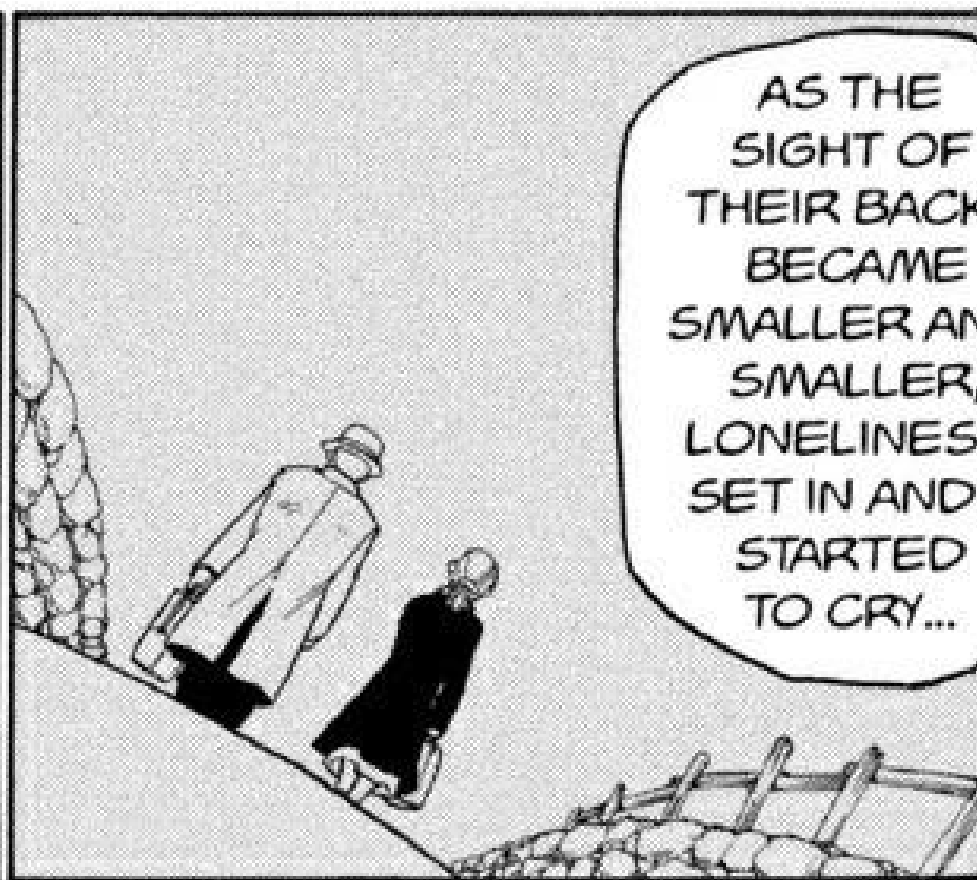
YOUR
IMMATURE
AND
IDEALIZED
THEORY IS
WORTHY OF
CONTEMPT.



...BUT I ALSO
REMEMBER
FEELING
ADMIRATION,
KNOWING THAT
MY PARENTS
WERE ACTING
ON WHAT THEY
BELIEVED IN.



AS THE
SIGHT OF
THEIR BACKS
BECAME
SMALLER AND
SMALLER,
LONELINESS
SET IN AND I
STARTED
TO CRY...

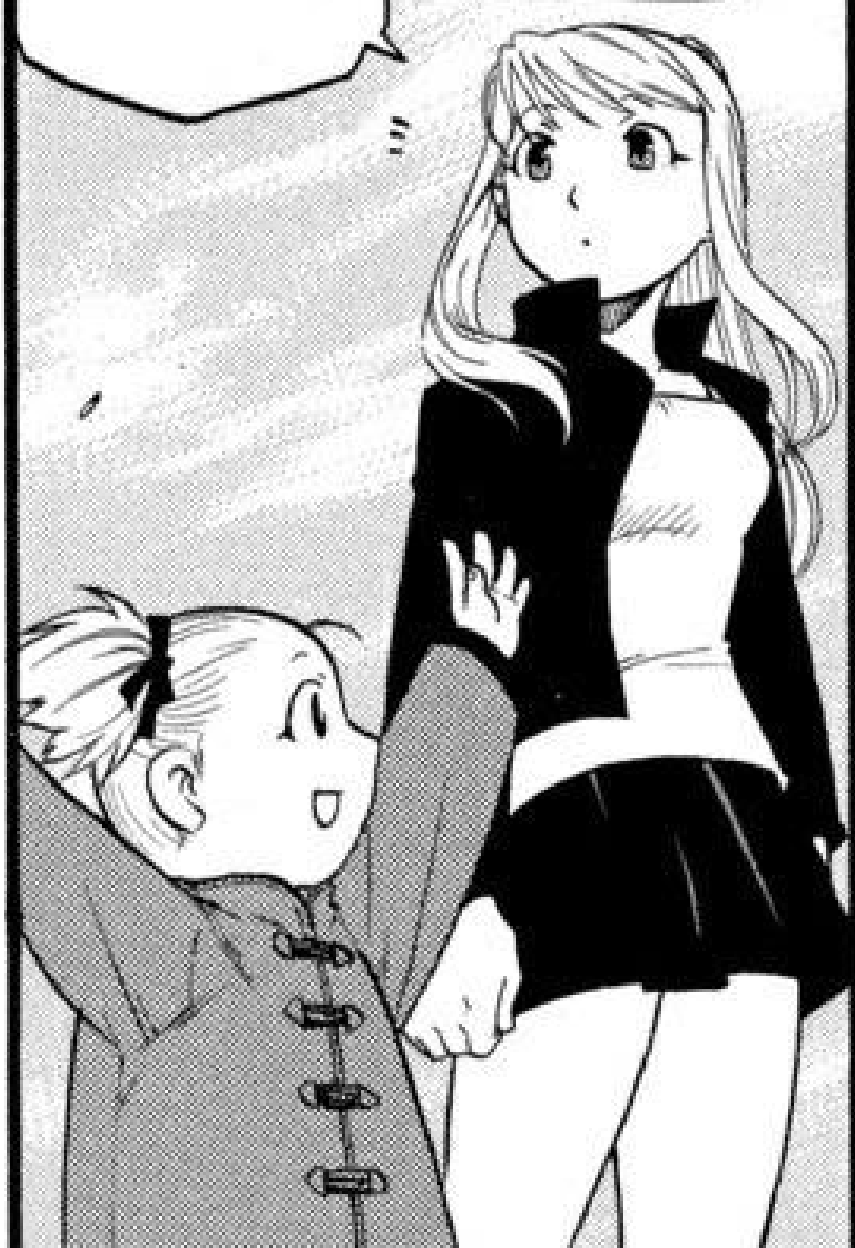


I THINK
I SAW
IN MR.
HUGHES'
BACK
SOMETHING
OF MY
FATHER.



BECAUSE
YOU
WELCOMED
ME LIKE
FAMILY.

I
PROJECTED
ALL OF THAT
ONTO
MR. HUGHES,
ELICIA, AND
YOU, MS.
GRACIA.

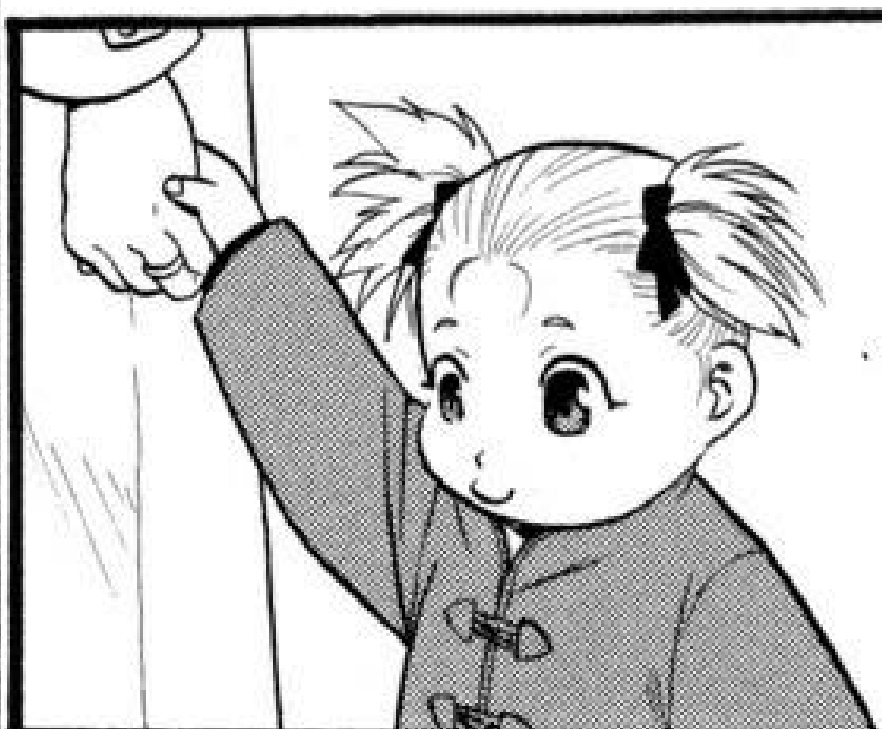


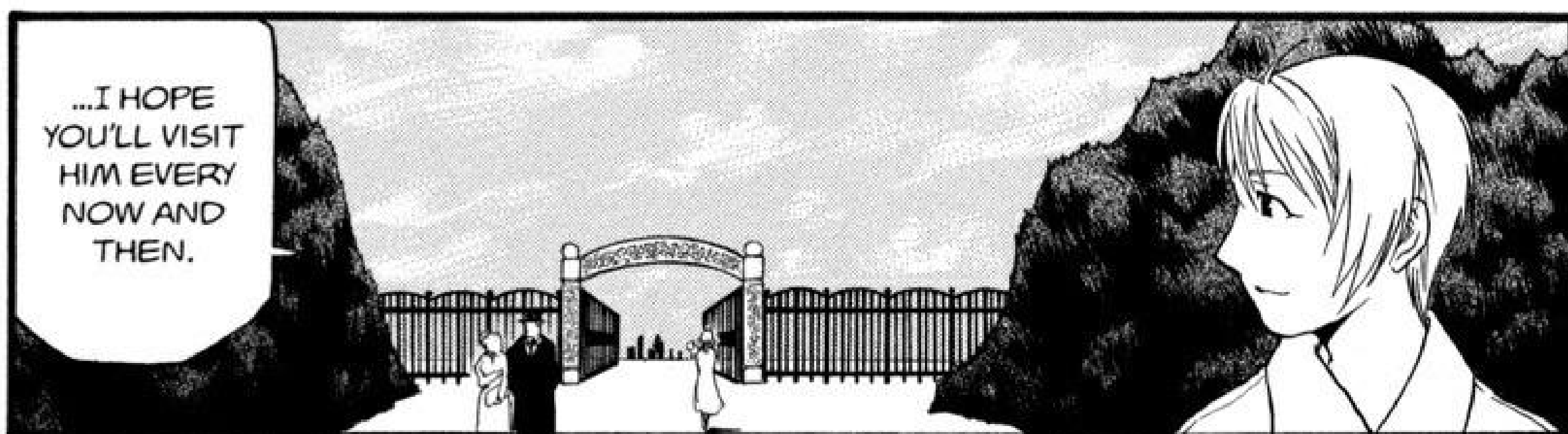
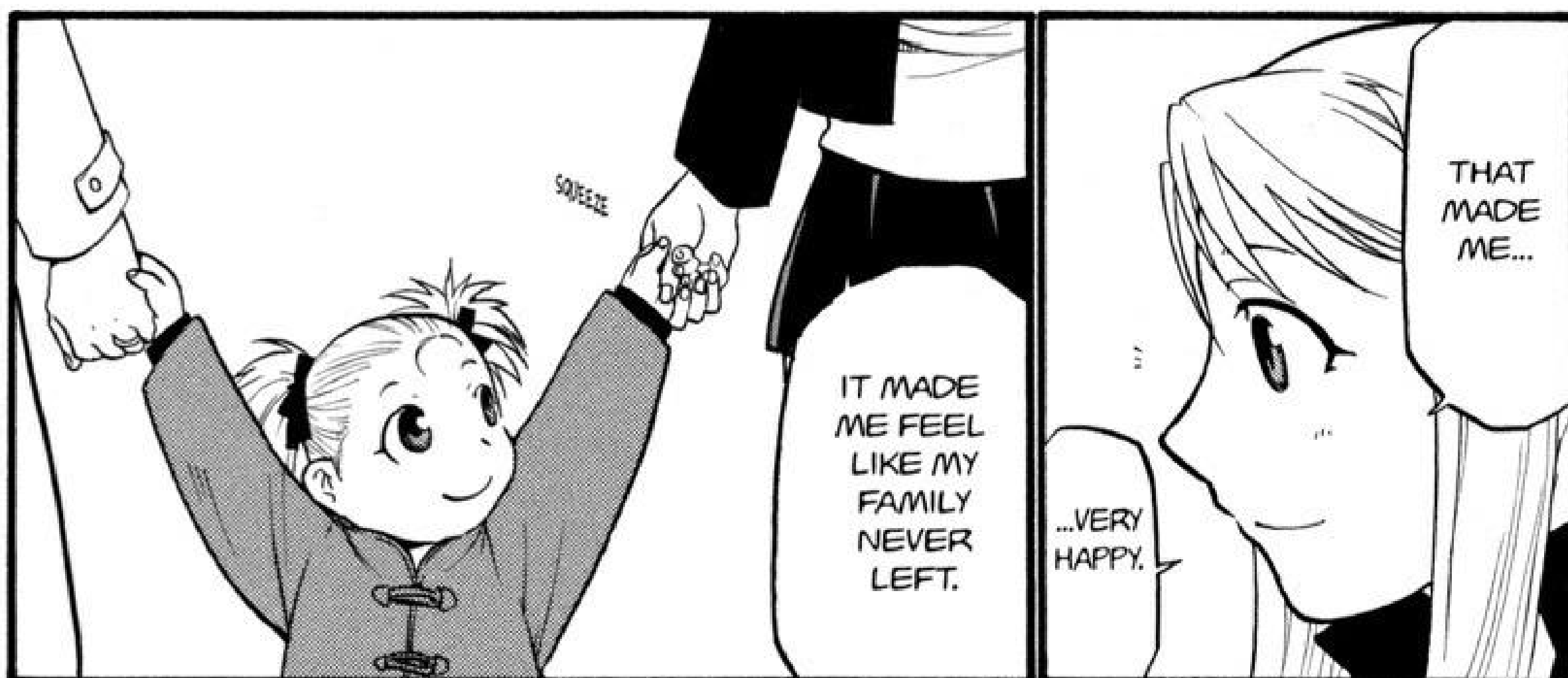
MY
MOM
AND
DAD...

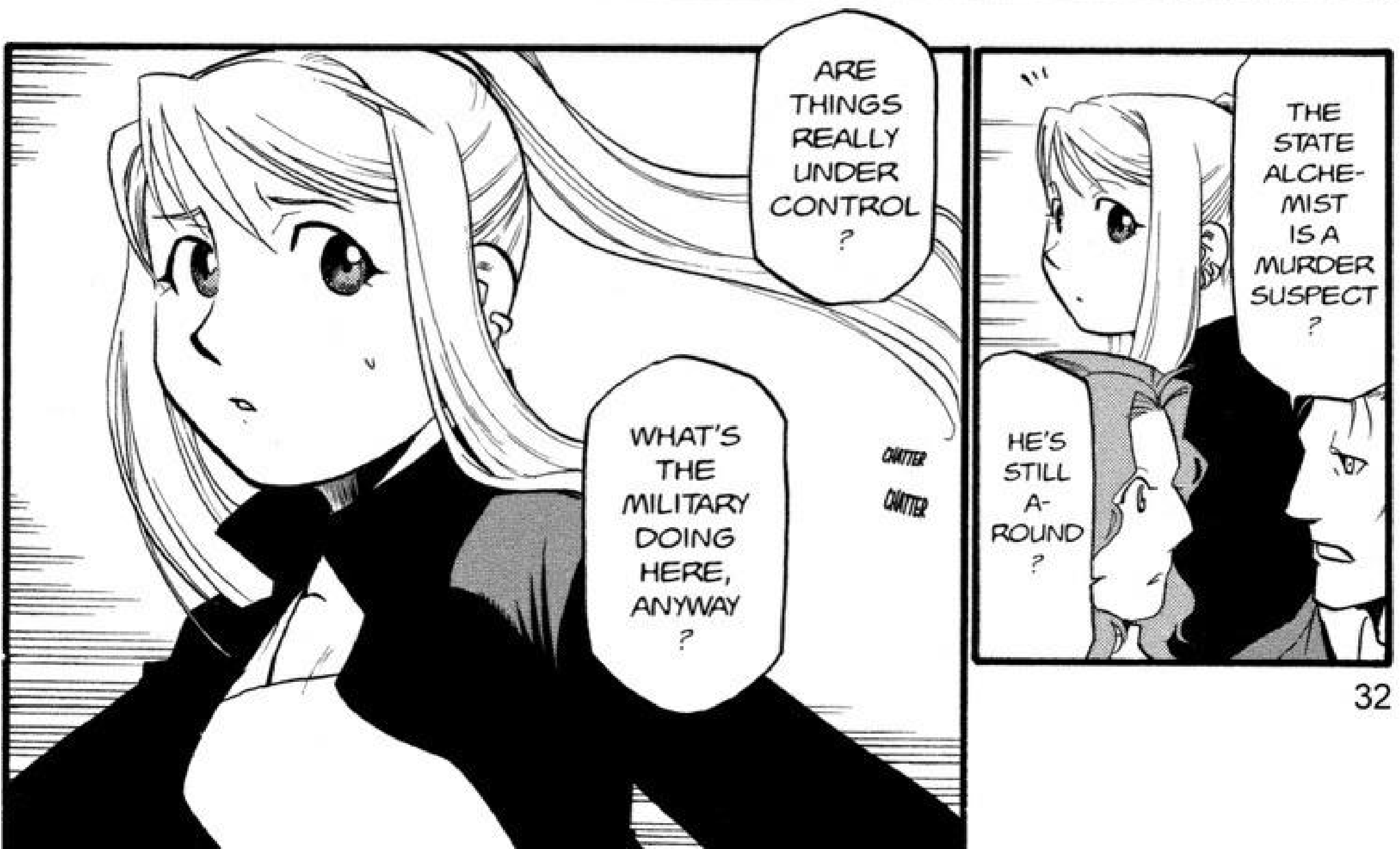
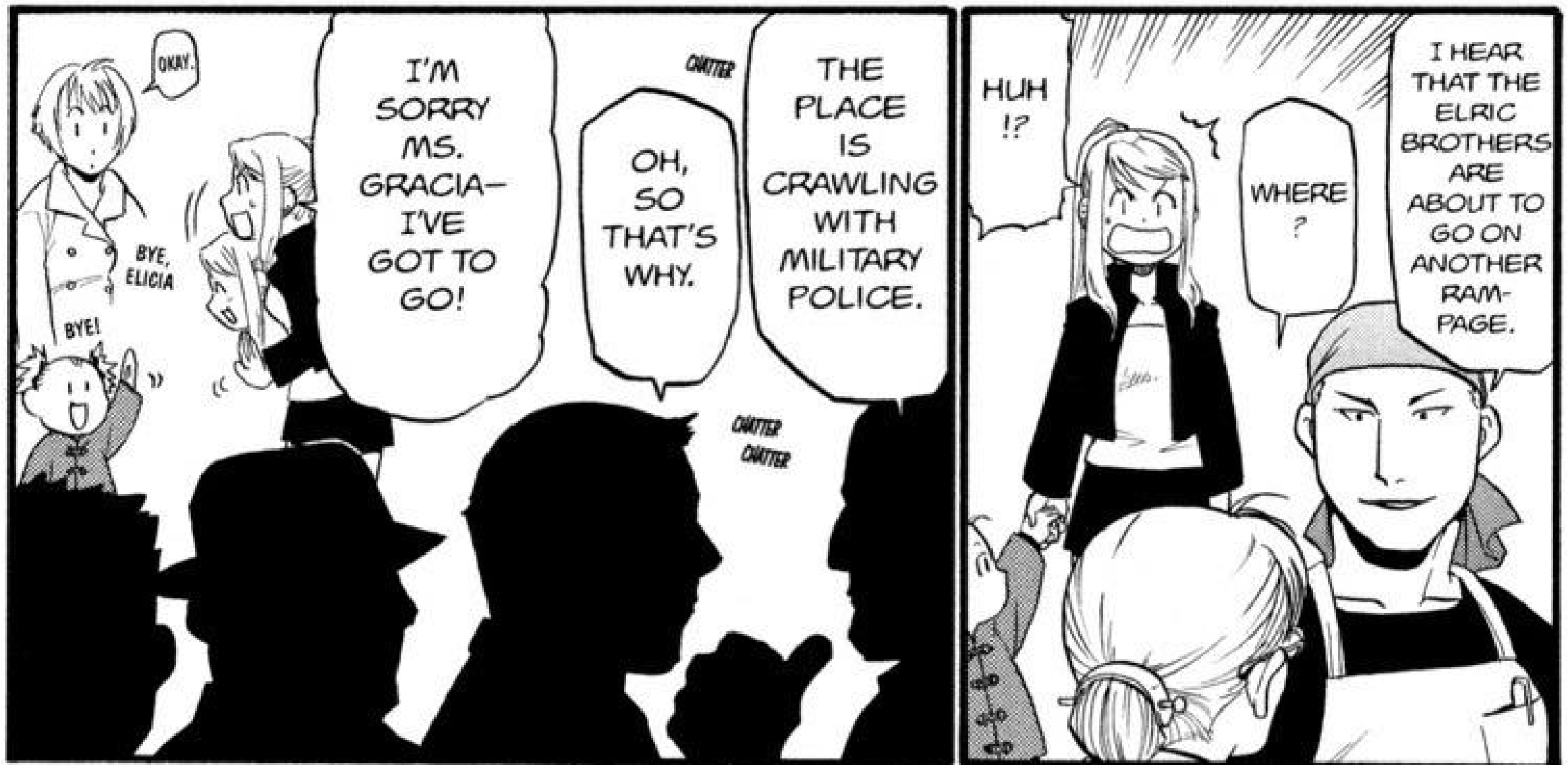


SOME-
THING
THAT I'VE
LOST
AND
WILL
NEVER
REGAIN.

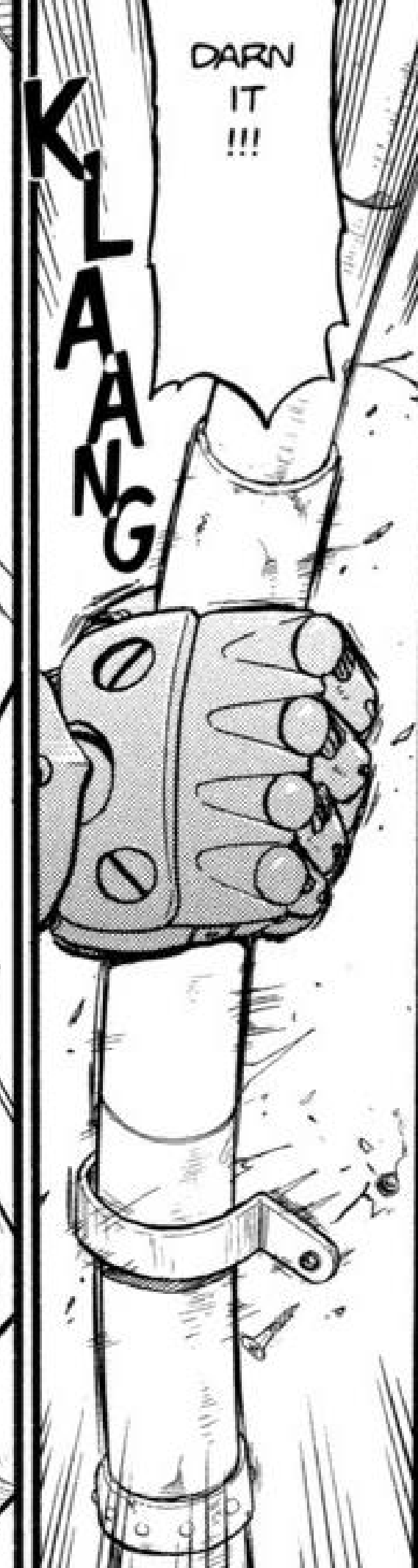
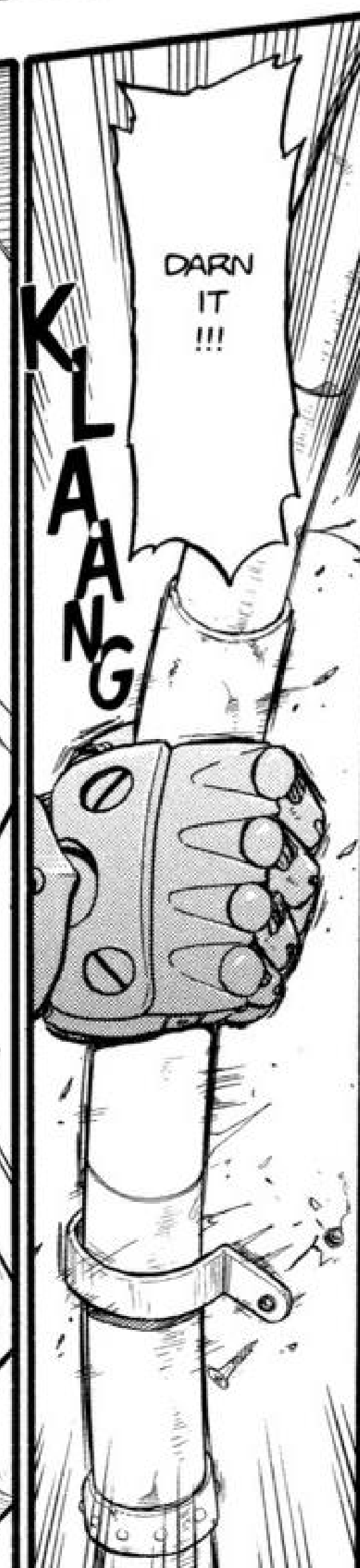
...AND ME,
HAPPILY
SMILING
BETWEEN
THEM...

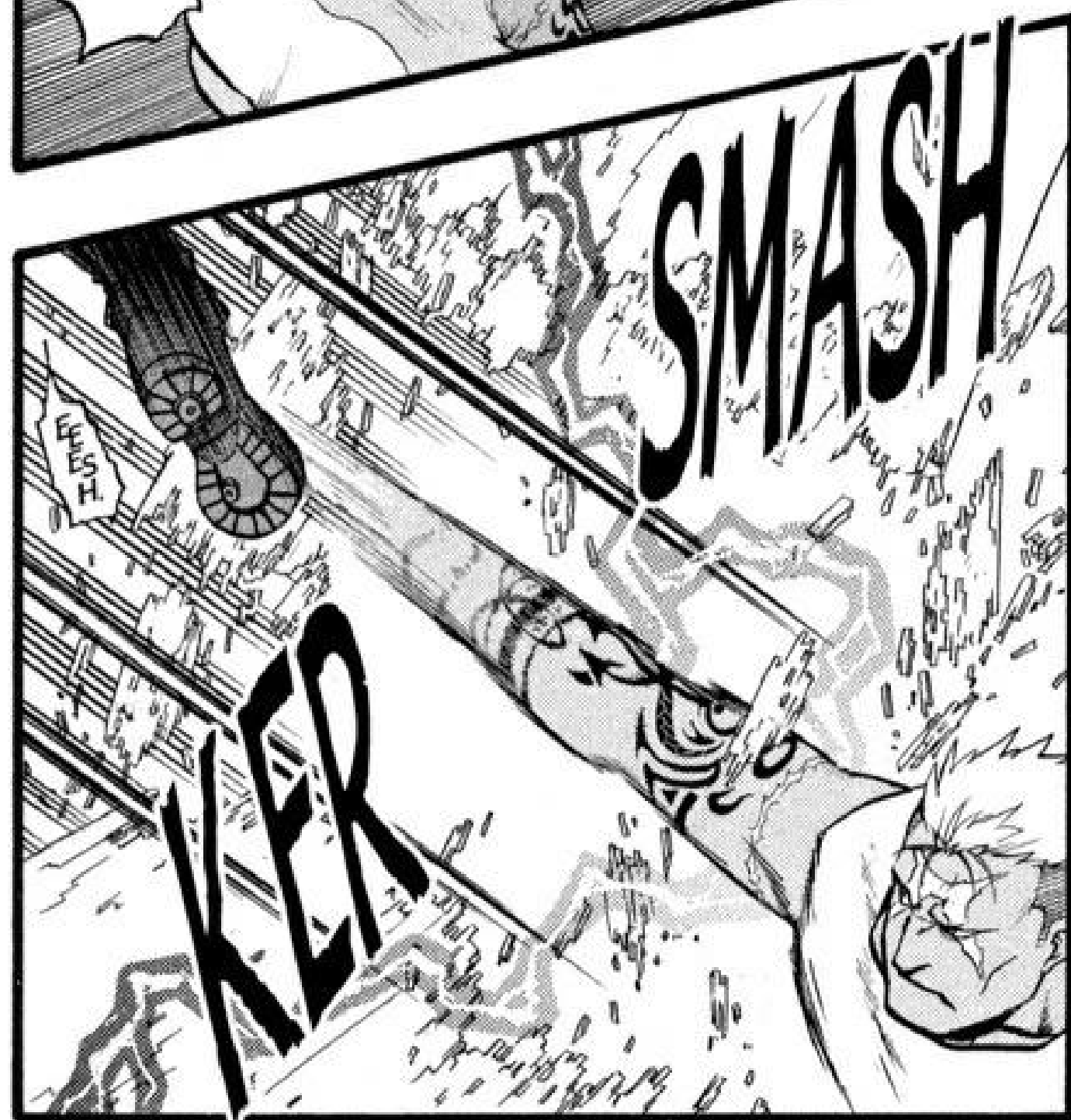




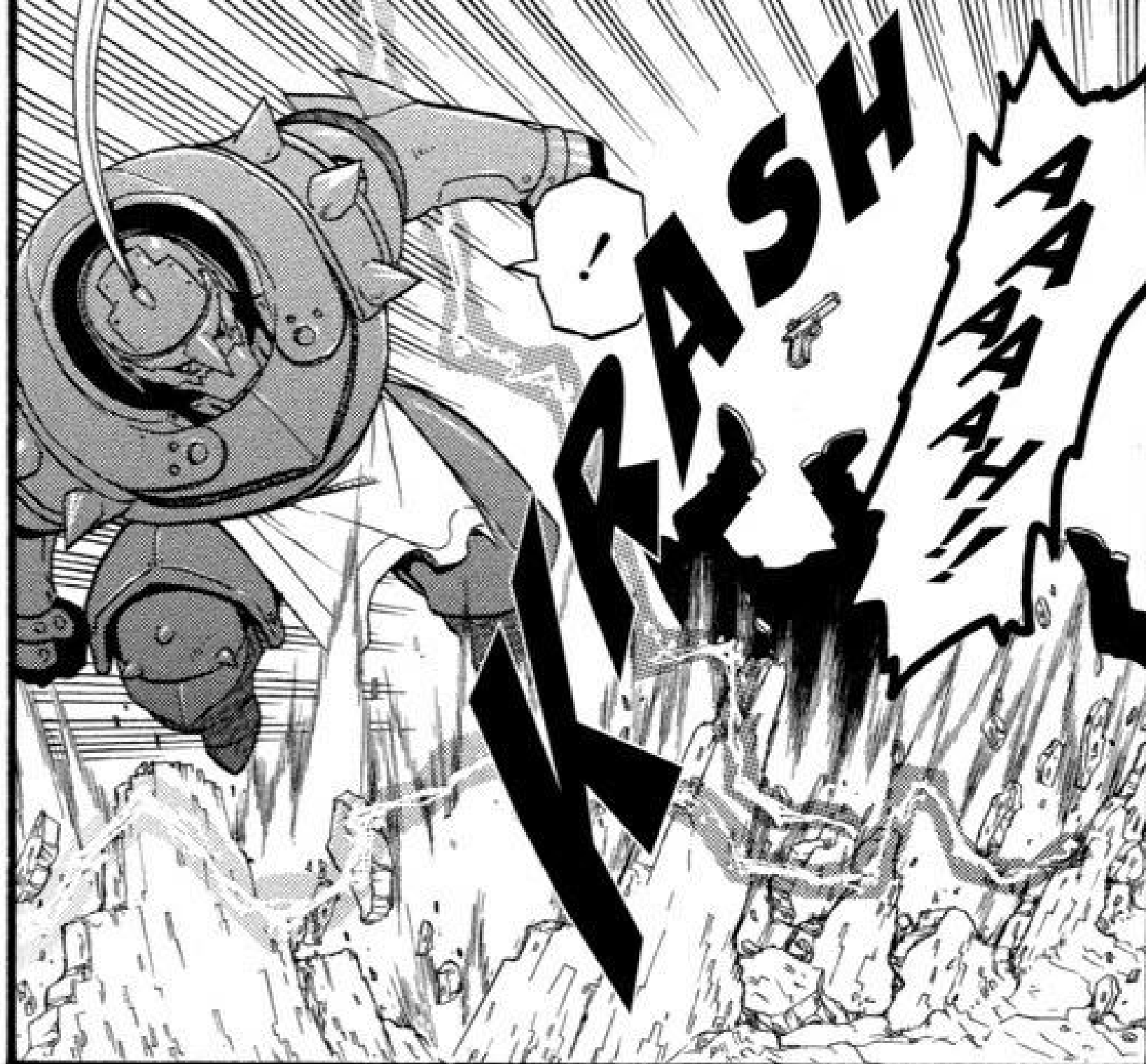














I HAVE
TO BUY
US
SOME
TIME!

BIG
BROTHER
LOOKS
TIRED.



...AND LIN
HASN'T
FIRED
HIS
SIGNAL
FLARE...

THE
HOMUN-
CULI
STILL
HAVEN'T
SHOWN
THEM-
SELVES...



I
ALREADY
TOLD
YOU
IN
EAST
CITY.

THERE
ARE
THOSE LIKE
YOU WHO
CREATE
AND THERE
ARE ALSO
THOSE
WHO
DESTROY.



HOW CAN
YOU ACCUSE
ALCHEMISTS
OF DEFYING
GOD AND TAKE
IT UPON
YOURSELF
TO ELIMINATE
THEM, WHEN
YOU YOUR-
SELF USE
ALCHEMY!?

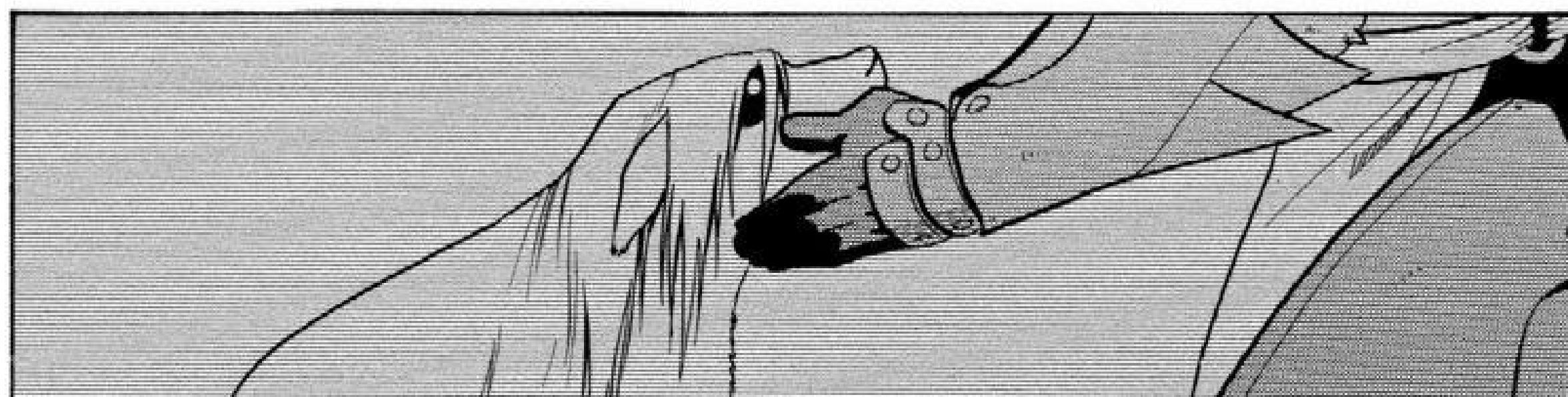
SCAR
!!

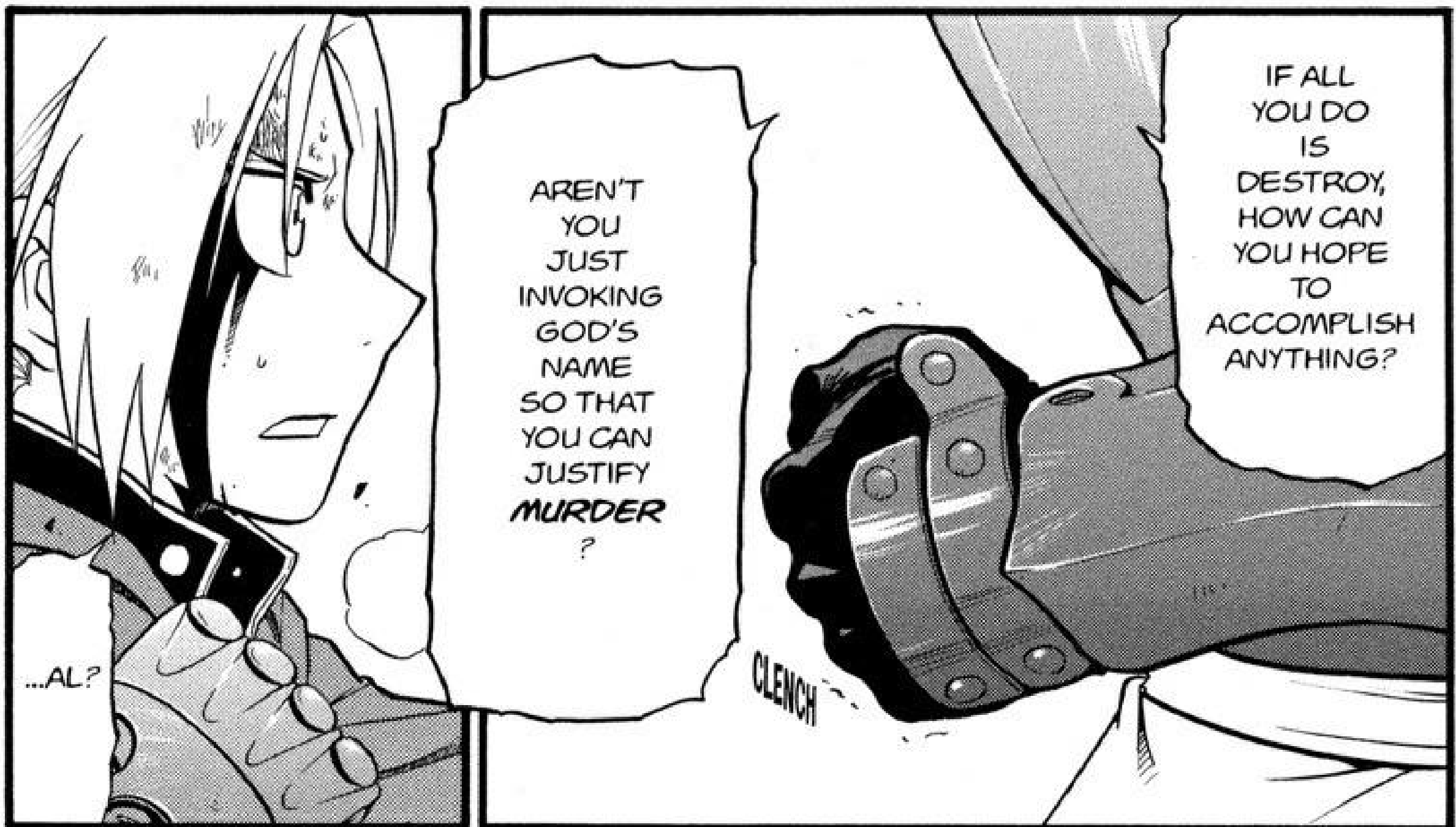


...DE-
STROY...

FLINCH

EAST...





AREN'T
YOU
JUST
INVOKING
GOD'S
NAME
SO THAT
YOU CAN
JUSTIFY
MURDER
?

IF ALL
YOU DO
IS
DESTROY,
HOW CAN
YOU HOPE
TO
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING?

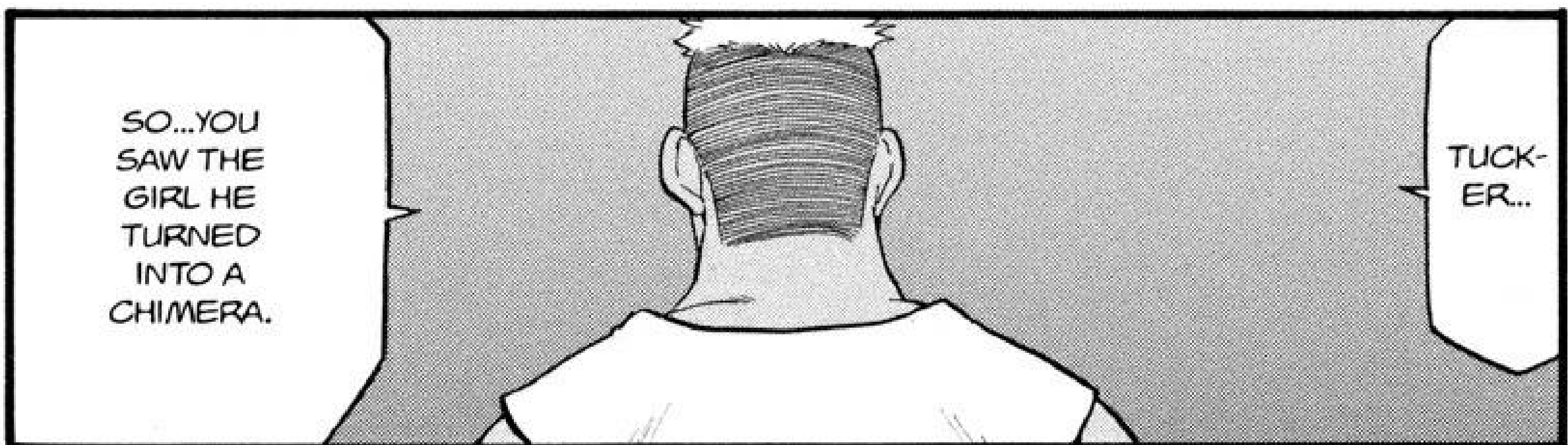
...AL?

CLENCH



...AND HIS
DAUGHTER NINA.
DID YOU TELL
THEM THAT YOU
WERE AN AGENT
OF GOD WHEN
YOU TOOK
THEIR LIVES!?

SHOU
TUCKER...



SO...YOU
SAW THE
GIRL HE
TURNED
INTO A
CHIMERA.

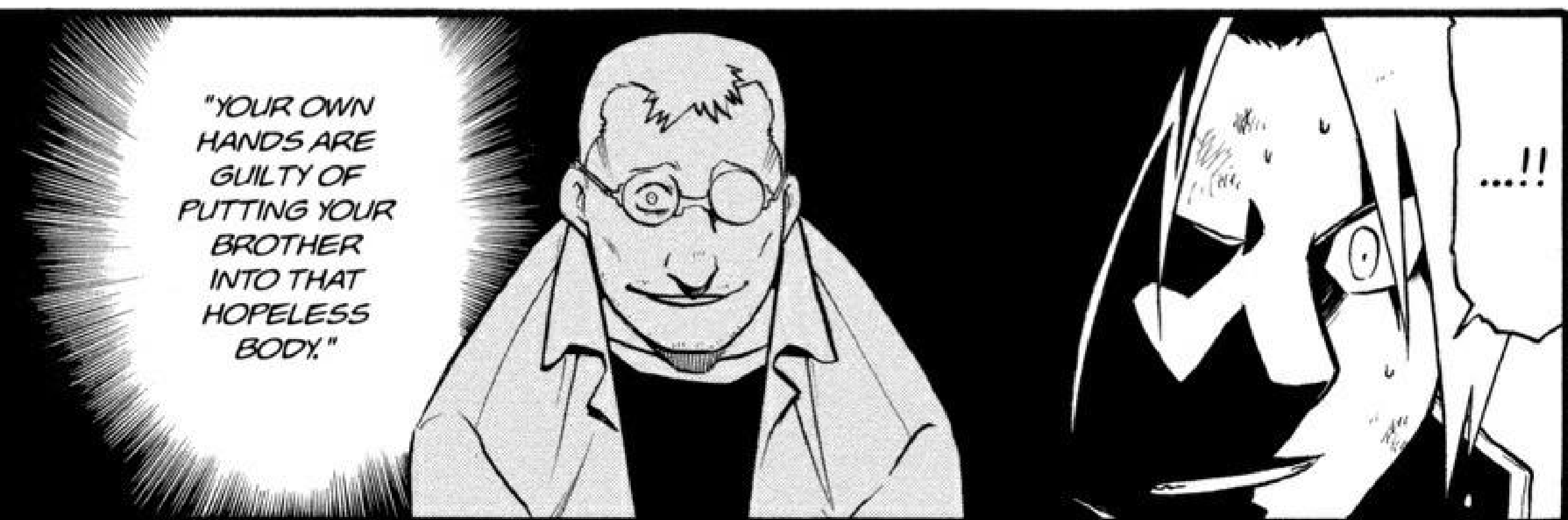
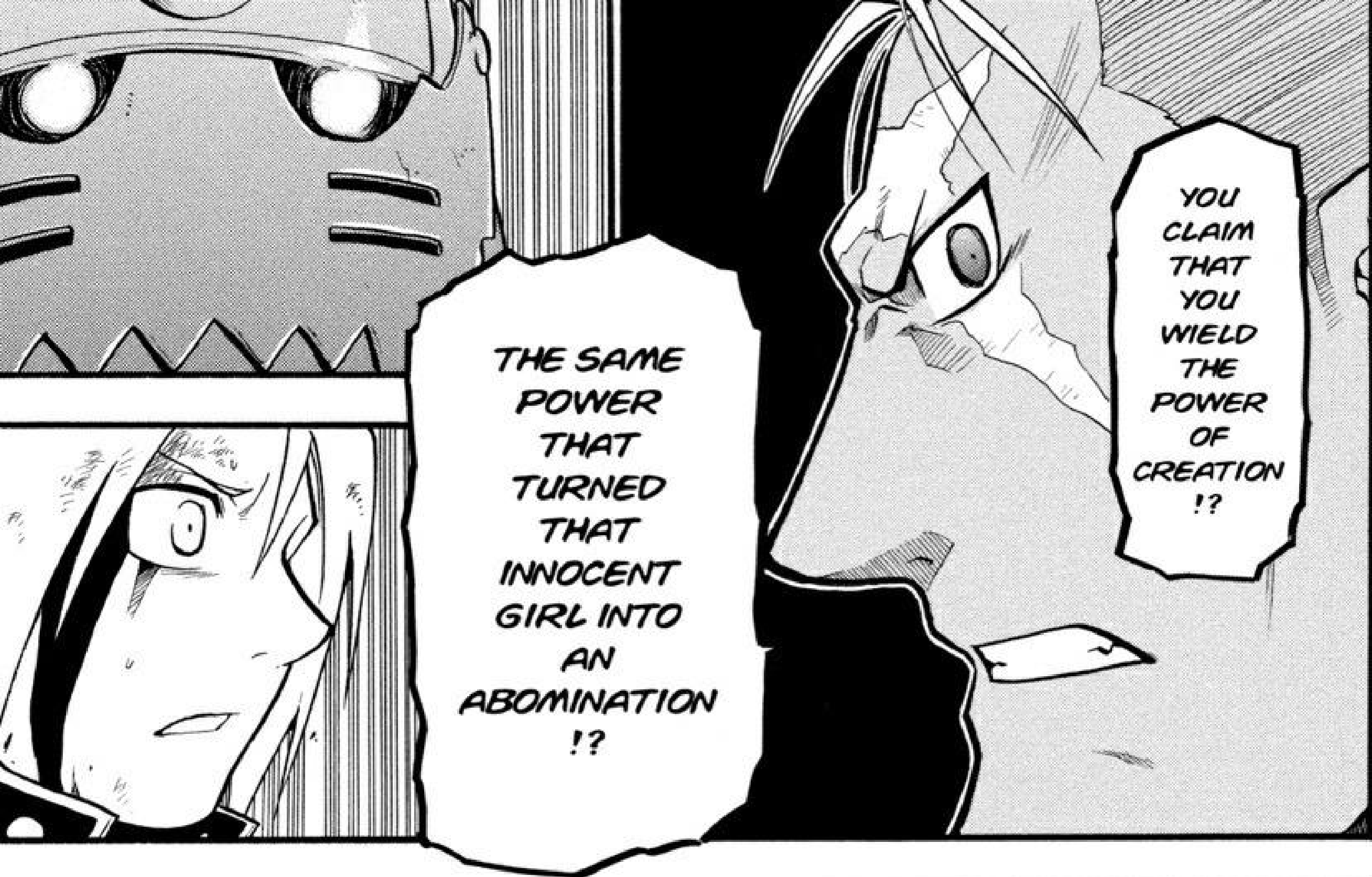
TUCK-
ER...

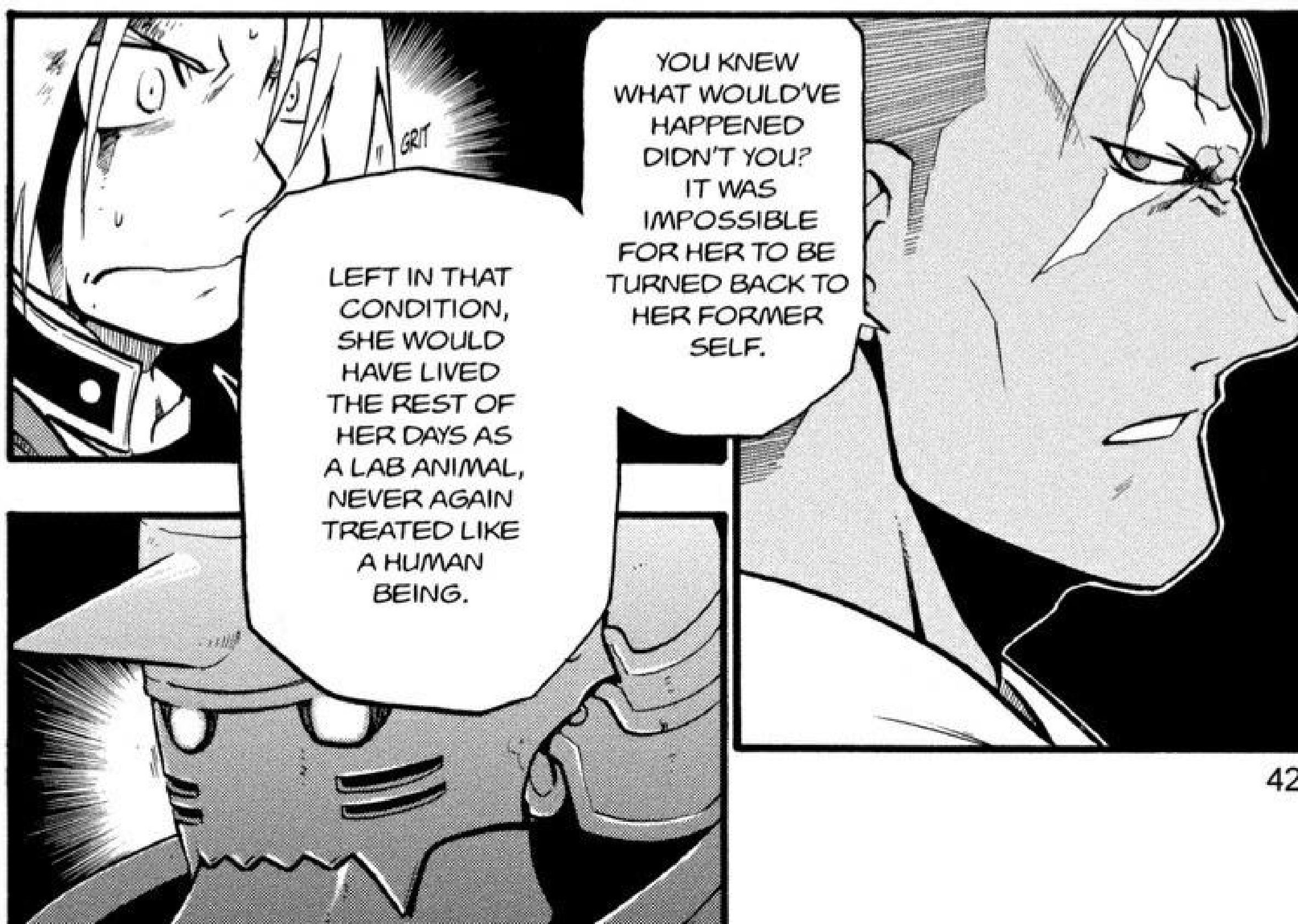


HE SAID,
"YOU'RE NO
MATCH
AGAINST
THOSE OF
US WHO
CREATE."

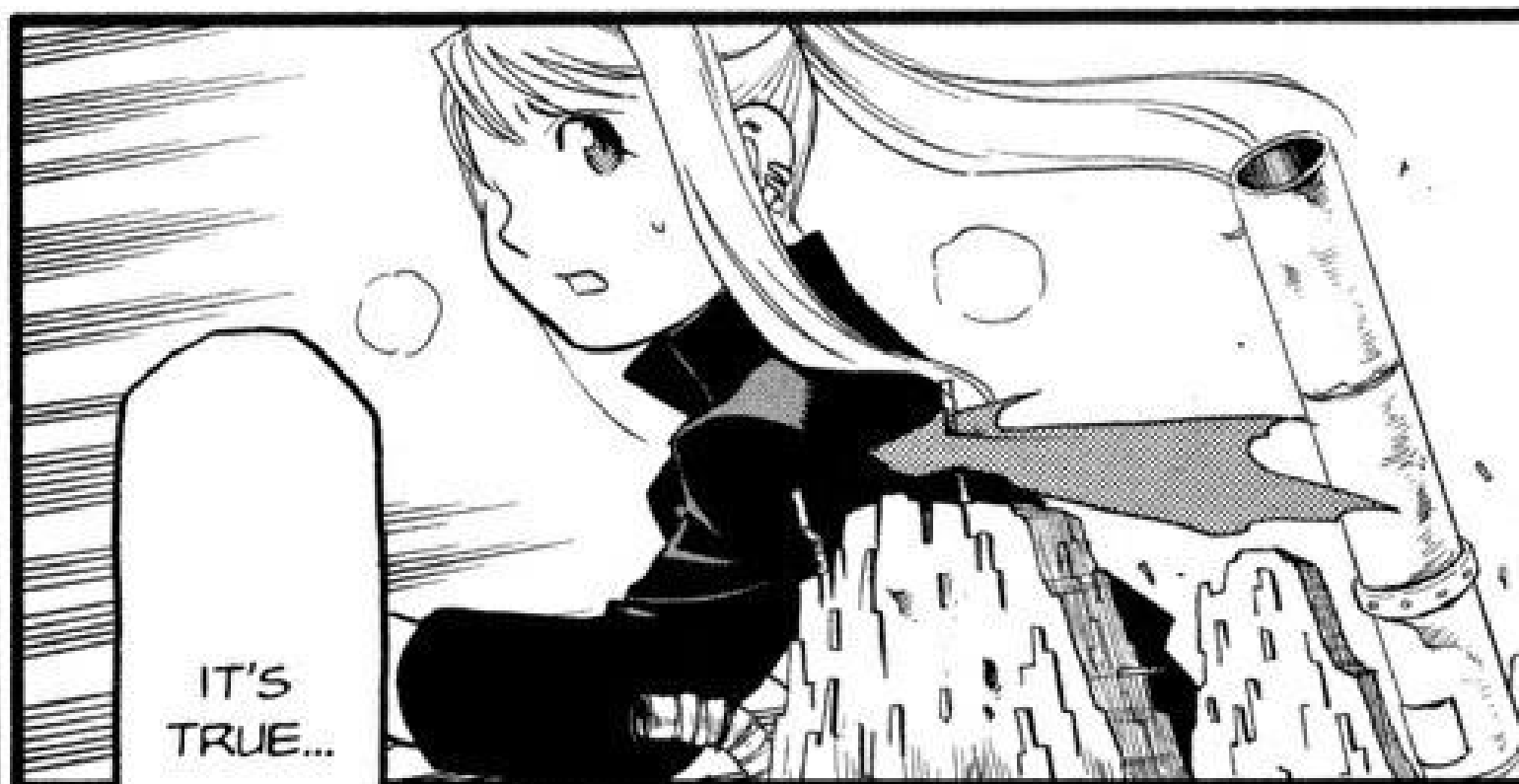
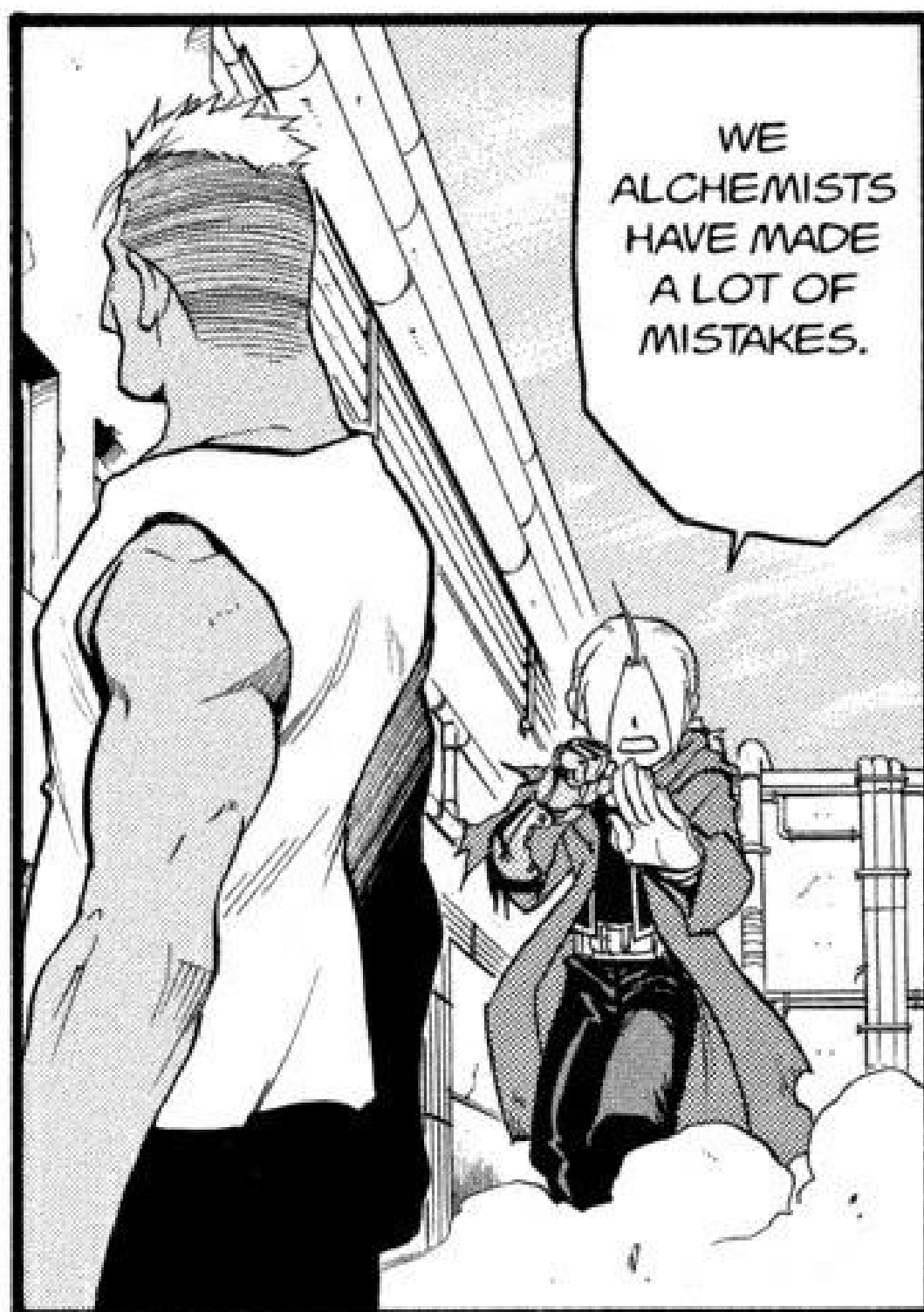
THE
ALCHEMIST
THAT I
DEFEATED
THE OTHER
DAY SAID
SOMETHING
SIMILAR.

YOU ASK,
"HOW CAN
I HOPE
TO
ACCOM-
PLISH
ANYTHING
?"



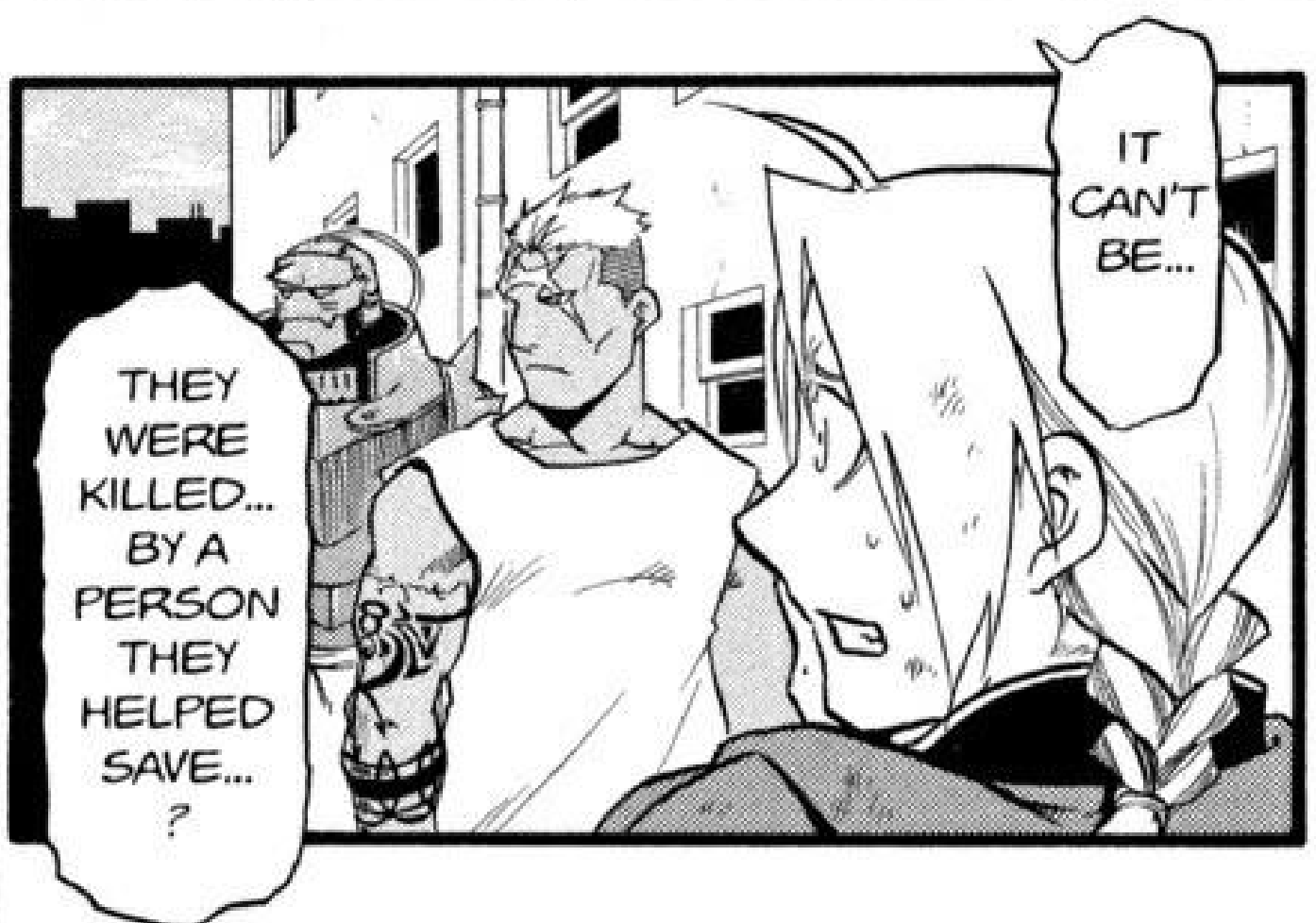


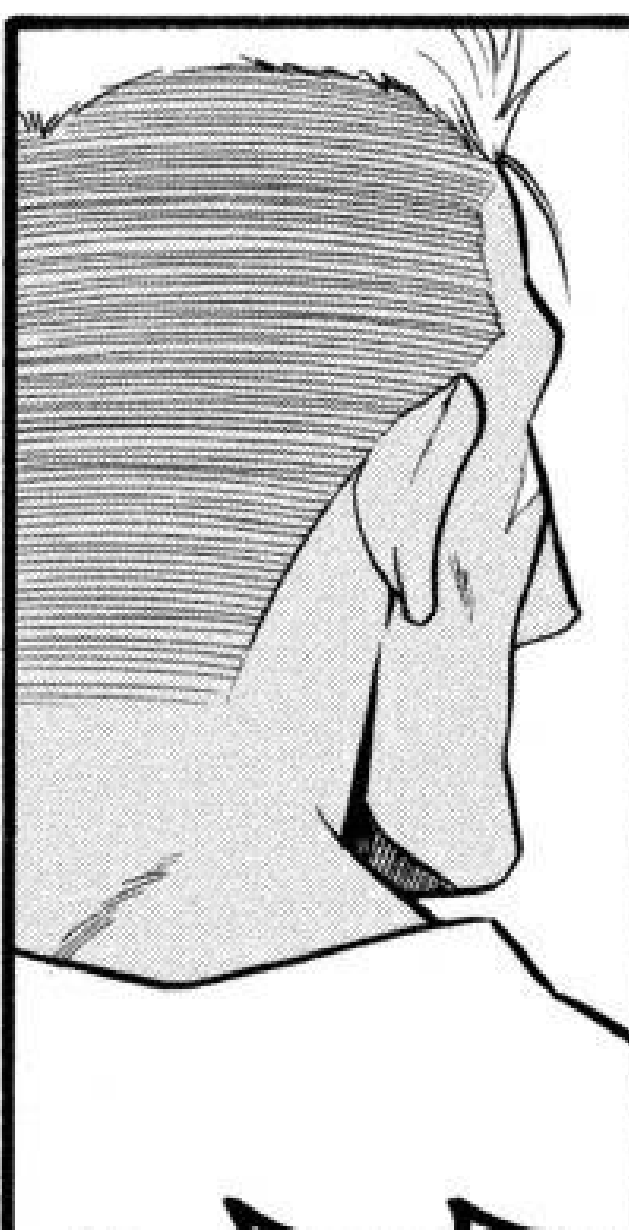


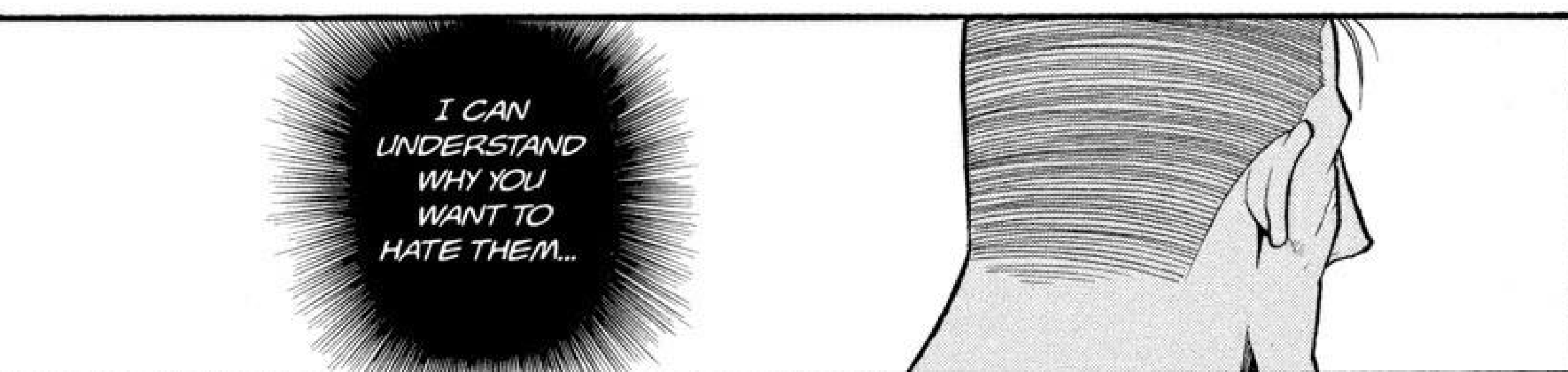
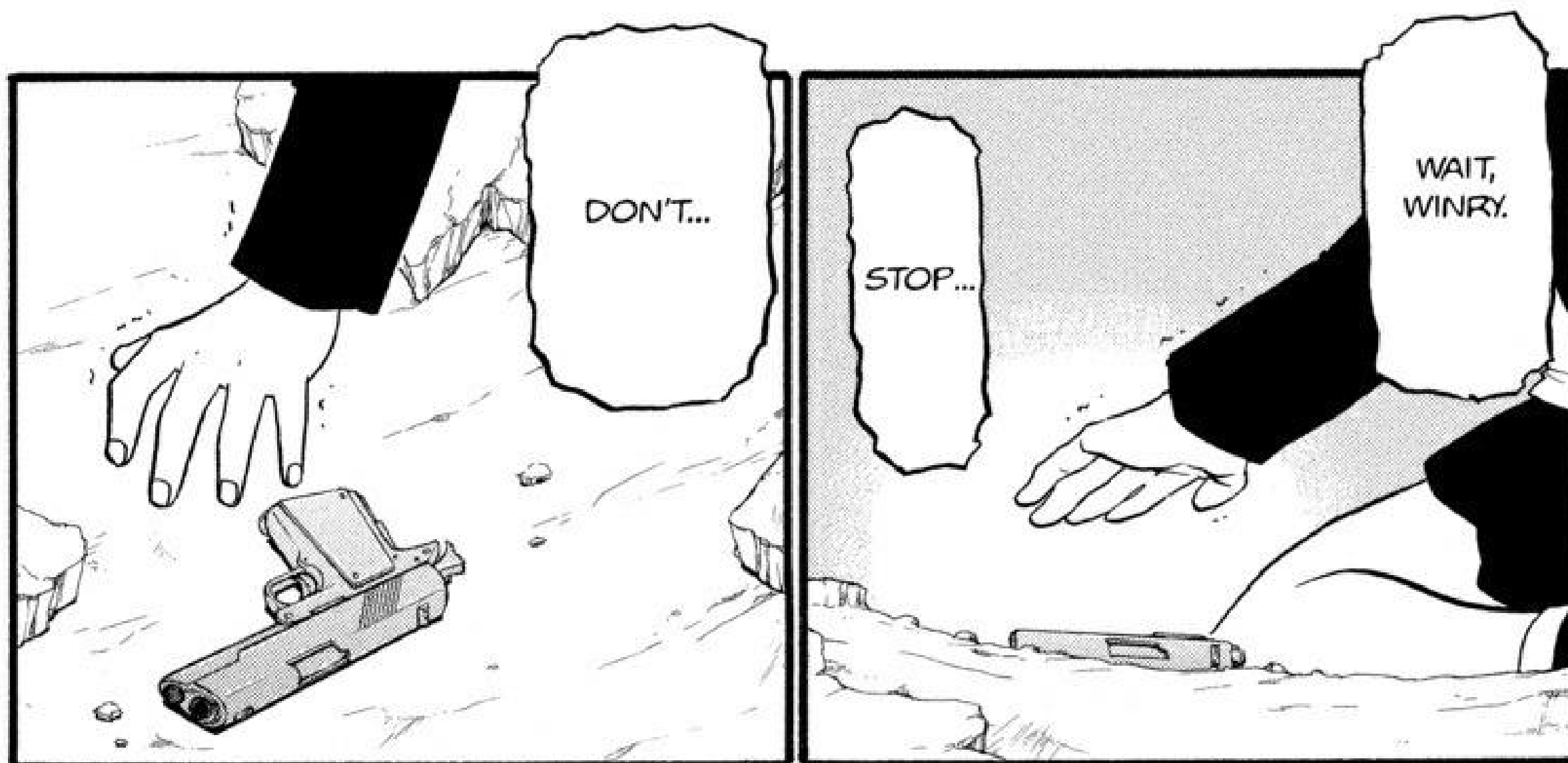


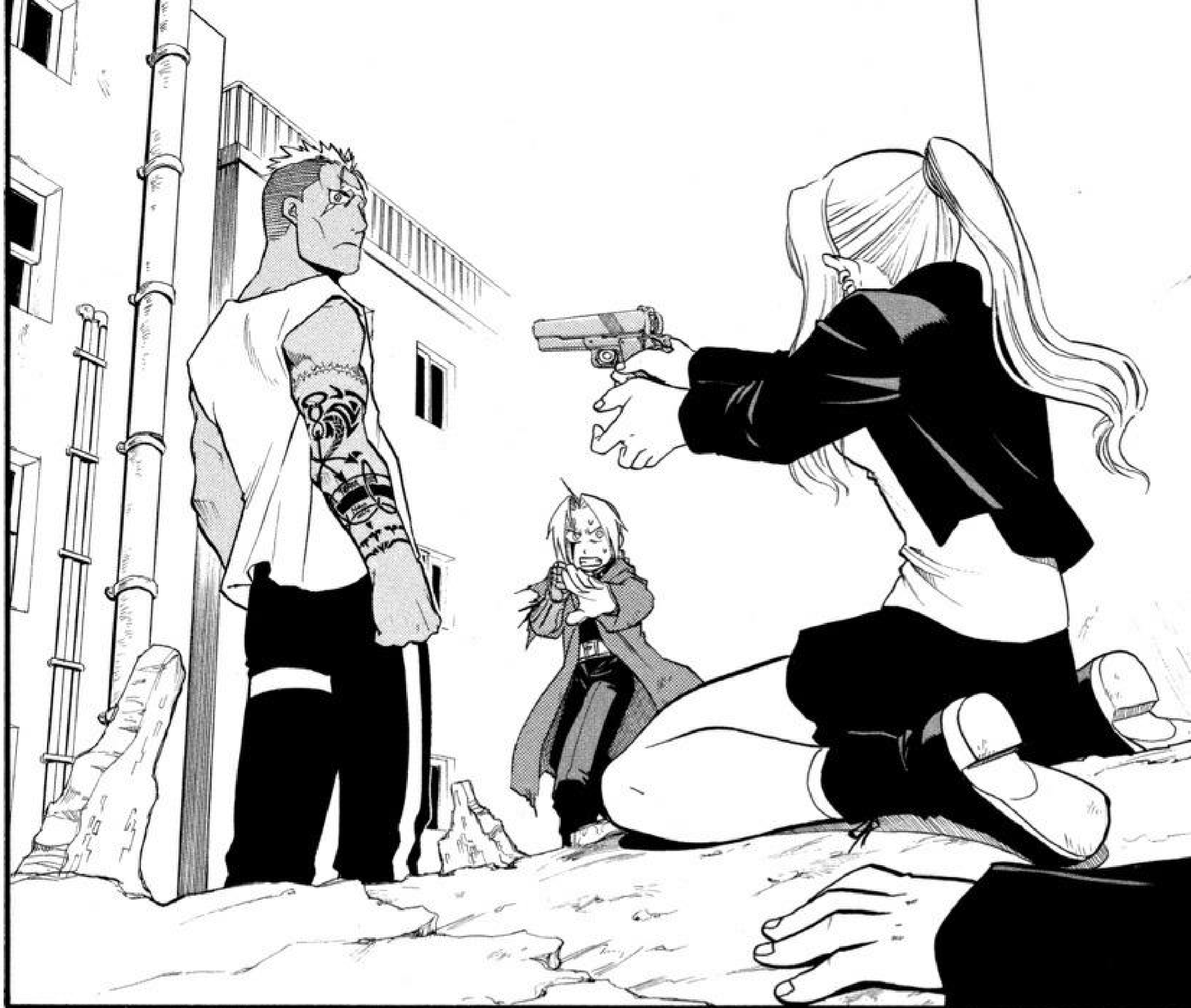












"YOU
MUST
ENDURE
IT."

